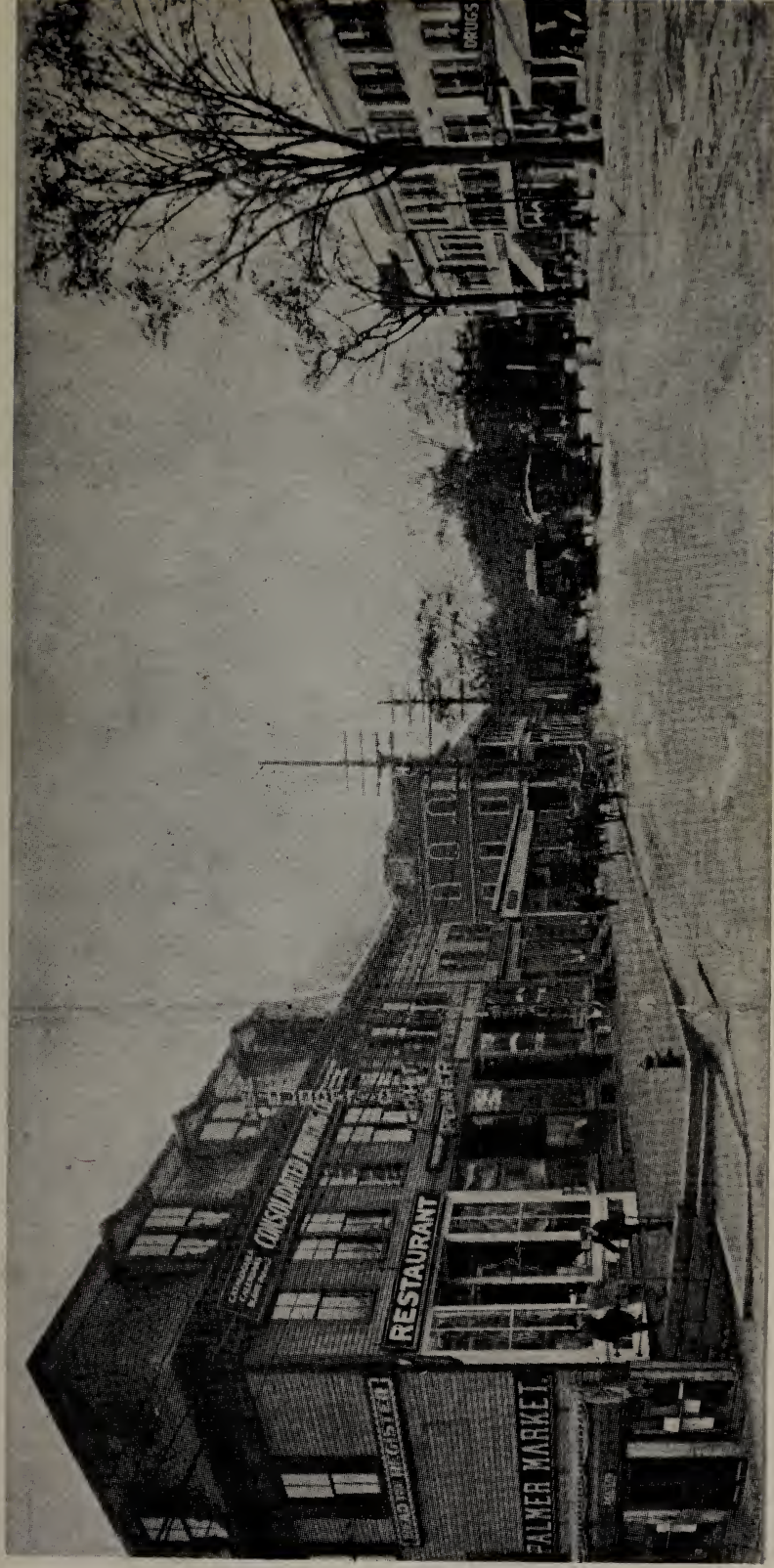


# PALMER



# ANNUAL TOWN REPORT / 1983



# OUR COVER

## MAIN STREET 1910

The Springfield Street Railway is in its prime—the convenience of travel, via the trolley, between the villages and/or the surrounding communities has brought prosperity to Depot Village for it has extended the outreach of the multiple railroad networks that already service the Town of Palmer.

The Burns Hotel on the left is the newest member of the Inn Society of Depot Village, having been built just five years ago, and is enjoying its role as the center of attraction, an honor usually bestowed upon the newcomer.

### TODAY

The Burns Hotel is now the King's Inn—having undergone many renovations including the lowering of the entire building five feet.

### MAIN STREET 1910

The Commercial Block just to the South of this Hotel appears to flaunt its services with its array of advertising signs; namely—Palmer Market, Read the (Journal) Register, Restaurant, and Electric Light & Power.

### TODAY

The Commercial Block was burned to the ground in 1915 and has been replaced by the Holbrook Building.

### MAIN STREET 1910

On the other side of Main Street the recently erected Palmer National & Savings Banks can be seen. This handsome Georgian building with its tower and parapet roof line portrays the pride and dignity of these two long established institutions and serves as a complement to its immediate neighbor the Cross Block; the elder statesman of this group, having been built in 1866. The Cross Block has the ability to offer both commercial and residential services to this area.

### TODAY

The Bank Building now services The Bank of New England West. The tower and parapets were removed sometime during the late 50's or early 60's when the building was extensively renovated.

The Cross Block, now the Faulkner Building, has changed its services extensively and now offers a commercial outlet at the street level and a small portion of the 2nd floor level only. However, its physical structure has remained much the same under its false facade and has a great potential for a resurrection.



**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**TOWN OFFICERS**

OF THE

**TOWN OF PALMER**

AND OF THE

**Receipts and Expenditures**

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1983





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## FACTS ABOUT PALMER

SETTLED	1716
INCORPORATED	1776
LOCATION	About 15 miles east of Springfield on Route 20
HIGHEST ELEVATION	Mt. Pattaquatic, 1080 feet
POPULATION	11,444 (Federal Census-1980)
FORM OF GOVERNMENT	Town Meeting
TAX RATE—FY—1984 TOWN FIRE DISTRICT TAX Precinct A Precinct B Precinct C Precinct D	TAX RATE HAD NOT BEEN SET AT YEAR'S END.
NUMBER OF DWELLINGS	3,150 (approx.)
PROPERTY VALUATION	183,078,050
AREA	Approximately: Land, 20,110.0 acres; water, 457.5 acres, total 20,568.4 acres, 32.14 sq. miles.
STREETS AND HIGHWAYS	About 150 miles
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Three elementary at Palmer, one each at Three Rivers, Thorndike and Bondsville. High School at Palmer
FIRE PROTECTION	Fire stations at Walnut Street, Palmer, Main Street, Three Rivers and Main Street, Bondsville.
POLICE	Well-established 15-member force headed by Chief of Police, Harold L. Olson.
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	Legion Field, Eager Playground, Burleigh Park, Nick Laviolette Park, Three Rivers plus playground and recreational equipment at Three Rivers Common, Thorndike Gram- mar School and Endelson Playground, Bondsville.
PUBLIC LIBRARY	North Main St., Palmer



**GOVERNMENTAL DISTRICT  
AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE  
TOWN OF PALMER**

**United States Senators**

Paul E. Tsongas, Lowell  
Edward M. Kennedy, Boston

**Councillor**

Seventh Councillor District  
Leo J. Turo

**State Senator**

Worcester, Hampden, Franklin  
and  
Hampshire Senatorial District  
Robert D. Wetmore

**Representatives in General Court**

First Hampden Representative District  
William E. Moriarty, Ware

**Representative in Congress**

Edward P. Boland

**County Commissioners**

Thomas J. O'Connor  
Rita M. Tremble  
Leonard J. Collamore

**District Attorney**

Matthew J. Ryan, Jr., Springfield



**TOWN OFFICERS 1983**  
**(elective)**

**TOWN CLERK**

Jacob Toshikian Term expires 1985

**TOWN TREASURER**

Douglas C. Calkins Term expires 1984

**COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

Stephen J. Dranka Term expires 1986

**SELECTMEN**

William J. Lemanski, Chairman Term expires 1986

Mark E. Benoit Term expires 1984

Stephen L. Marhelewicz Term expires 1985

**ASSESSORS**

Alvin C. Rondeau, Chairman Term expires 1984

Stanley J. Swiatlowski Term expires 1985

Anthony Oliveira Term expires 1986

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Robert S. Dupuis, Chairman Term expires 1986

Joseph S. Romanik Term expires 1984

Carol B. Roy Term expires 1984

David Droz Term expires 1985

James R. Longtine Term expires 1986

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Frederick J. Lis, Chairman Term expires 1984

Maurice R. LePage, D.S.C. Term expires 1985

Rose Tyburski Term expires 1986

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

Robert G. Faulkner, Chairman Term expires 1984

Robert J. Brown Term expires 1985

Richard A. Laviolette Term expires 1986

**LICENSE COMMISSIONERS, 1 year**  
**Leon Wlodyka**

Cornelius J. Murphy Lawrence M. Jasak

**PLANNING BOARD**

Joseph E. Slowick, Jr., Act. Chairman Term expires 1988

Walter S. Topor Term expires 1984

Joseph W. Russell Resigned 11-26-83

Rita L. Holuk Term expires \* 1984



Thomas Leacock  
Robert S. Haveles  
\*appointed to fill vacancy

Term expires 1986  
Term expires 1987

PARK COMMISSIONERS, 1 year  
Michael J. Burns, Chairman

Dean McKee  
Walter A. Pluta

Richard M. Pobieglo  
Margaret J. Ferry

PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY

Myrtle C. Davis \*  
\*state member (appointed)

August 25, 1984

Richard E. Fonatine  
Veronica A. Strzeminski  
William J. Lemanski  
Rev. Guy M. Judkins

Term expires 1984  
Term expires 1986  
Term expires 1987  
Term expires 1988

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Michael J. Cavanaugh  
Floyd D. Romanik, Jr.

Term expires 1984  
Term expires 1985

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Neil M. McDonald, Chairman  
Mary C. Krawiec, Vice Chairman  
Richard Taylor  
Thomas W. Haley  
Leonard J. Sabourin \*  
\*state member (appointed)

Term expires 1988  
Term expires 1987  
Term expires 1985  
Term expires 1986  
Term expires 1986  
February 12, 1988

MODERATOR, 1 year  
John J. Egan



## **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN**

### **AMBULANCE STUDY COMMITTEE**

Earl E. Benoit  
Richard P. Bonnayer

Charles W. Smith

Andrew F. Jay, Jr.  
William P. Koughan

### **ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

Louis S. Jacek

### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Gordon R. Dean	1984
Dr. William Riley	1985
Joseph W. Topor, Jr.	1985
Floyd D. Romanik, Jr. Alternate	1984
Joseph L. Marchelewicz	1986
Mitchell L. Dobek	1986
Dr. Charles Labuz, Alternate	1986

### **LOCAL BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Gordon R. Dean	1984
Dr. William Riley	1985
Joseph W. Topor, Jr.	1985
Joseph L. Marchelewicz	1986
Mitchell L. Dobek	1986

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Richard Rollet

### **ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR**

John L. Worthing

### **CHARTER STUDY COMMITTEE**

Mark E. Benoit  
Joseph A. Kszepka

Ronald M. Smith

Patrick F. Landers, Jr.  
John J. Motroni

### **CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

Harold L. Olson

### **ASSISTANT CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTORS**

Edward Jasak  
Gus A. Theodore

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Richard D. Stred	1984
Donald R. Duffy	1984
Harry Johnson	1985
Jane Golas	1985
William M. Wadas	1986
Andrew S. Roman	1986
David E. Johnson	1986

### **CONSTABLES**

Harold L. Olson  
Edward J. Jasak  
Henry S. Janasiewicz

Daniel A. Janulewicz  
Howard E. Case  
Earl E. Benoit



## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Nathan J. Sheldon	1984
Leo Lefebvre	1984
Christine Stockmal	1984
Andrew A. Corbin	1985
Elizabeth S. Kolbusz	1985
Kenneth C. Roberge	1985
Leonard J. Sabourin	1985
Genevieve G. Janosz (resigned 5/10/83)	1986
Ursula V. St. Amand	1986
Rose Tyburski-Home Care Observer	1986
Dorothy Reinhardt*	1986

\* Appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Genevieve G. Janosz.

### **COURT PROSECUTOR**

Charles Ksieniewicz

### **CUSTODIAN, MEMORIAL HALL**

John F. Doyle

### **CUSTODIAN, PALMER TOWN BUILDING**

Walter A. Pietryka

### **DOG OFFICER**

Kevin E. Kopacz

### **DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**

Gerald D. Coia	William J. Lemanski
Robert G. Faulkner	Neil M. McDonald
E. Robert Graveline	Edward J. Noonan
Robert S. Haveles	James L. St. Amand
Gordon J. King	Thomas S. Skowrya
Richard C. Sheehan	

### **FENCE VIEWERS**

Oliver A. Beauregard	Jack W. Lynch
Richard C. Taylor	

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **Three Year Term**

William J. Drawec  
Mitchell Garabedian-  
resigned 10/25/83  
Edward S. Godek  
Jack W. Lynch  
Richard C. Sheehan

Robert H. Carper

#### **Two Year Term**

Edward H. Boron  
  
William Gilbert, Jr.  
Lewis J. Kapinos  
Matthew Laska  
Kathleen Tassinari-  
resigned 8/2/83  
Elaine Dustin  
Kenneth Supernaw

#### **One Year Term**

Catherine A. Romanik  
Stanley J. Salamon-resigned 6/30/83  
John A. Skowronek  
Ferdinand H. Novicki  
Bernard N. Fontaine  
Christine M. Mairicki  
Michael S. McDonald  
Theodore M. Kellogg  
Roland H. Leduc



**GAS INSPECTOR**

Gary F. Stahelski

**HOUSE NUMBERER**

Kenneth Sherman

**FOREST WARDEN**

Gus A. Theodore

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Reginald C. Gale	1984
Stephen J. Lebida	1984
Daniel V. Fogarty, Jr.	1985
William M. Wadas	1985
Jane E. Golas	1986
Marion P. Lis	1986
Doris S. Nahabedian	1986

**INSECT PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT**

Daniel W. Coates

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY**

Theodore N. Bonnayer	1984
Ronald P. Masnicki	1985
Stephanie G. Lesniewski	1986
Dr. James R. Flaherty	1987
Gordon J. King	1988

**INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Douglas C. Calkins	Bonny B. Rathbone
Howard E. Case, Jr.	Terrance C. Korzek

**INSURANCE BROKERS OF RECORD**

Thomas W. Graveline, L.I.C.	Joseph A. Kszepka
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**LOCAL ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL**

Michael R. Bauer	Cecelia A. Nichols
Alphonse E. Murray, Jr.	Sandra J. Noonan
John E. Stolar	

**LOCAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

James M. Ammann	David E. Johnson
Howard E. Case	Dr. Maurice R. LePage
Michael J. Egan	Albin P. Les
Robert S. Haveles-resigned 10/18/83	James A. McLaren
Gus A. Theodore	
Nicholas A. Zeo, Jr.	

**LOWER PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Policy Advisory Representative	Jane E. Golas
Alternate Representative	Joseph W. Russell- resigned 9/15/83
Representative-Joint Transportation Committee	Joseph W. Russell- resigned 9/15/83



**MILK INSPECTOR**

Walter Swiatlowski

**PALMER DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORP.**

Theodore N. Bonnayer  
 Gordon H. Christiansen  
 Dr. James R. Flaherty  
 Thomas W. Haley

Walter M. Krawiec  
 Arthur C. Lincoln  
 Leo F. St. Amand  
 Linwood F. Thompson

Alexander W. Tobiasz

**PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

Mark E. Benoit

**PARK DEPARTMENT, SUPT.**

Michael Russo

**PARKING CLERK**

Carol A. Sugrue

**PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Marie F. Mailman	1984
Jack W. Lynch	1984
Ferdinand Novicki	1985
Elaine Dustin-resigned 7/19/83	1985
David Prew * *	1985
Aime J. Baldyga-resigned 5/10/83	1986
Roger E. Patnaude* -resigned 11/29/83	1986

\* Appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of A. Baldyga

\* \* Appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of E. Dustin

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Patrick Normoyle

**ASSISTANT PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Stephen J. Lebida

**CHIEF OF POLICE (Civil Service)**

Harold L. Olson

**AUXILIARY POLICE**

Joseph Barone  
 Michael Callahan  
 John W. Drawec  
 Mary Lou Geer  
 Thomas W. Frydryk  
 Richard A. Kszepka  
 Angela Lynn  
 Susan O. Roundy

Ronald J. Bigda  
 Philip Dalessio  
 Francis Dubovik  
 Mary Lee Frydryk  
 Michael J. Jasak  
 Robert W. Laviolette  
 Cornelius Murphy Jr.  
 Roland Roy

Michael A. Ziobrowski

**PUBLIC WEIGHERS**

Wilfred J. Marchand  
 Irene A. Raczka  
 Michelle Sniffin  
 Phillip O'Malley  
 Brian A. Haley

Charles M. Callahan  
 Charles M. Callahan III  
 Barbara A. Kerigan  
 John Nadolski  
 Ellen Katawicz

Ronald Somers



## RECODIFICATION OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Roger E. Brach-resigned 8/16/83  
Estelle M. Lavoie  
Eugene J. Olearczyk

Ruth C. O'Malley  
Stanley J. Pietryka  
Dennis M. Ryan

Richard Smith

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thomas Skowrya	1984
Sandra L. Reep	1984
Marion E. Kozlik	1985
Martha O'Connor	1986
Edwin J. Rehor	1986
James Duke	1987
Charles H. Jasak	1988
Margaret Raczka Ferry	1988

Wayne Cole-Director

## REGISTRARS

Jacob Toshikian	Permanent
Frank J. Kitch	1984
Sonia L. Thompson	1985
Genevieve G. Janosz	1986

## RENT CONTROL BOARD

Charles A. Ramadon	1984
Gerald D. Coia-resigned 12/20/83	1985
Denise Bird	1986

## SANITARY LANDFILL CARETAKER

Walter Wozniakowski

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES (Civil Service)

Charles H. Jasak

## SELECTMEN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Stanley J. Bigda

## STREETS & HIGHWAYS, SUPT.

Oliver A. Beauregard

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Stanley J. Bigda

## TOWN AUCTIONEER

Franklin A. Gale

## TOWN COUNSEL

Charles Ksieniewicz

## TOWN ENGINEER

Kenneth C. Sherman

## TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS

Gus A. Theodore

John Sullivan

Charles R. Frydryk

## ASSISTANT TREASURER

Irene T. Brozek

## TREE WARDEN

Oliver A. Beauregard



**VETERANS' AGENT, BURIAL AGENT, GRAVES OFFICER**

David L. Sarrette

**WIRE INSPECTOR**

Stanley J. Pietryka

**ASSISTANT WIRE INSPECTOR**

Francis Rollet



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

At the Board's organizational meeting on May 10, 1983 following the annual town election, William J. Lemanski was elected Chairman, Mark E. Benoit, Vice Chairman, and Stephen L. Marhelewicz, Clerk. Stanley J. Bigda continued to serve as Executive Secretary.

As is true every year, when the Board of Selectmen took inventory at the end of 1983, it was conscious of significant progress in some areas, of some disappointments in others, and of problems, opportunities and challenges ahead.

Our reputation as a well-governed municipality has been earned, because our government has been responsible. Its programs for meeting the demands of the times have been effective; nevertheless, the constantly changing patterns of suburban living present unprecedented policy and administrative challenges coupled with growing financial burdens.

We promise to face the issues with courage and determination and our primary objective will be to provide the best possible government at the least possible cost to the taxpayer, and to preserve Palmer as an affordable community for all its residents.

The highlights of the year are noted below:

### **TAXES.**

The tax rate for fiscal year 1982 and 1983 has been stabilized at \$31.50 per thousand. The rate for fiscal 1984 has been deferred pending certification of our revaluation program by the Department of Revenue. We are in an unenviable position of having \$1,083,115 in available funds or "free cash" which may be applied in part to reduce the FY-1984 tax levy. The 100% valuation is estimated to be approximately \$207 million of which \$183 million will be subject to taxation. Based on best estimates, the tax rate could drop to a range of \$20 to \$22 per thousand.

### **AMBULANCE SERVICE.**

On November 8, 1983 the Town of Palmer entered into an agreement with Palmer Ambulance Service, Inc., a non-profit organization, to provide ambulance service to the town beginning, hopefully, on February 1, 1984. This action climaxed many months of study and planning by the Ambulance Study Committee which was appointed by the Selectmen on December 11, 1981. The town was seeking an alternative to the escalating cost of private ambulance service.

The Committee members, Mr. William P. Koughan, Chairman, Mr. Earl Benoit, Mr. Richard Bonnayer, Mr. Andrew Jay and Mr. Charles Smith are to be commended for their diligence and determination to find an acceptable solution.

The recommendation of the Committee was to provide town ambulance service through a non-profit corporation which would be supported, in part, by annual subscriptions from residents and a short-term commitment of town funds for start up. The Committee, in a report to the Board of Selectmen, expected that town funds would not be required after the third year of operation. Subscribers would receive free ambulance service within the Town of Palmer and at a reduced rate beyond the town line. The exact details of the fee schedule have yet to be finalized. The Emergency Medical Technicians would receive payment for hours worked only.

The Board expresses its appreciation to Mr. William P. Koughan, Executive Director, Wing Memorial Hospital, for his professional assistance and to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Benoit for the many hours of instruction they provided without charge in training the EMT's. The entire committee did an excellent job in this worthwhile community project.





#### **WARREN STREET RECONSTRUCTION AND ALIGNMENT.**

This Federal and State aided project was approved by the Mass. Dept. of Public Works in 1978. After numerous delays including the filing of an Environmental Impact Report the project entered the construction phase in the Spring of 1983. The reconstruction and alignment involves a distance of 2.5 miles. The new roadway provides for two twelve-foot travel lanes and two four-foot shoulders. Both horizontal and vertical alignment were included in the design to flatten curves and improve sight distance. Brushi Bros., Inc. of Ludlow was awarded the contract for construction. The Department of Public Works, District -3 Office, Worcester, Massachusetts supervised the planning and construction phases of the project.

Construction of the project continued into late December. At that time the work was 90% complete and all that remains to be done in the Spring of 1984 is the laying of the top course of bituminous concrete with appropriate safety line painting, some slope dressing and clean-up.

Warren Road offers a route with modern day safety features for the traveling public while retaining its "Country Road" atmosphere. The town was very fortunate to have this project approved and constructed entirely with Federal and State funds. The office of the Selectmen was instrumental in obtaining the funding with tremendous cooperation from the District-3 office of the Mass. Dept. of Public Works in Worcester.

#### **TRAFFIC OPERATIONS IMPROVEMENT.**

On November 14, 1983 a design hearing was held in the Town Administration Building by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works, on proposed traffic improvements at the intersection of Thorndike and Main Street and Park and Thorndike Street. The project was initially approved by the State on April 2, 1980. The estimated \$150,000 construction cost will be funded 90% by the Federal Government and 10% by the State. The town paid \$11,000 for engineering costs and will be responsible for right-of-way expenses.



Proposed pavement widths will remain the same throughout except for the east approach of Park Street to Thorndike Street. Park Street will be realigned somewhat too for a "T" intersection versus the "Y" configuration at present. This will necessitate shifting the intersection approximately 30 feet south and widening the approach lanes and taking approximately 2000 square feet of land from the gas station on the southeast corner. In addition, improvements will include signalization, channelization, traffic islands, pavement markings, signing, granite curbing Type VB, cement concrete sidewalks, a bituminous concrete overlay, and full depth pavement for the widened portion of Park Street.

It is estimated that the project construction will be six months. Construction should start in the Spring of 1984.

The Board of Selectmen was instrumental in obtaining Federal and State funding for this project with very minimal funding from town sources.

### **WATER STREET—HAZARDOUS WASTE.**

Phase I remedial work at the PSC site at 10 Water Street has been completed according to an inspection made by the Department of Environmental Engineering on December 8, 1983. Visual inspection of the eighteen (18) surface tanks on the site show them now to be empty of hazardous material. 409,299 gallons of liquid waste and 162,356 gallons of sludge were removed from the site. The surface tanks are considered to be free of polychlorinated biphenyl residues.

Refine-Met International Co., Inc., owners of the property, will be required to submit a plan to the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, Division of Hazardous Waste, which addresses the scope of soil, groundwater and surface contamination at and adjacent to the PSC facility for review and approval.

The Board of Selectmen are pleased with the progress of the clean-up operation at the site which was included in an EPA listing of 418 hazardous waste sites in the entire United States.

### **PALMER INDUSTRIAL PARK.**

In the 1982 annual town report there was an element of hope that Elmendorf Board Corporation of Claremont, New Hampshire might locate a \$30 million plant in the Palmer Industrial Park. It is most unfortunate that negotiations did not materialize and the Park continues to remain unoccupied.

Another setback was received in late December of 1983 when it was learned that a proposed amendment to the Park's Urban Renewal Plan had been rejected by the Executive Office of Communities and Development. This amendment would allow warehousing as a permitted use. This activity was prohibited except as an accessory use. The Palmer Redevelopment Authority considered the change to be minor but the State took exception to this classification and refused to approve the amendment. The Executive Office of Communities and Development determined the change to be significant and major thereby necessitating additional public hearings and a full environmental impact study before that agency would consider an amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan.

Quaboag Transfer, Inc., a lumber transfer operation, had reached an agreement to purchase thirty-seven acres at the Park to consolidate their Palmer operation. How this latest ruling will effect their plans remains to be seen. However the PRA will continue its efforts to obtain approval for warehousing at the Industrial Park.

After twelve years the Park has only one tenant and prospects for occupancy in the very near future appear to be dim.



## **HAZARDOUS WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY.**

After two years the process continues to site a hazardous waste facility in Warren. On November 30, 1983 the Hazardous Waste Facility Site Safety Council voted to accept the project Notification Form of the IT Corporation. This action allows the IT Corporation to proceed with the siting of a \$50 million toxic waste treatment plant in West Warren. The vote came after strong objections by local opponents of the planned hazardous waste facility who expressed concerns about the credibility of State officials and the lack of detailed information in the Project Notification Form. A public comment period is in effect through January 31, 1984 for any additional information to be addressed before IT Corporation is given a broader range to answer in an environmental impact report and a socioeconomic appendix. If there are no setbacks in the siting process plant construction could start in 1985 and be completed in 1987.

Of particular concern to the citizens of Palmer is the possible effect of the discharge of pollutants from the hazardous waste treatment plant into the Quaboag river and the threat to Palmer's water supply. Every effort will be made to protect the aquifers which supply drinking water for the town. The Local Assessment Committee and its consultant, Lycott Environmental Research, Inc. will continue to monitor the siting process. The LAC will request that a comprehensive geohydrological study be conducted by the IT Corporation as a requirement in the State's scoping document. The alternative will be for the town to request a technical assistance grant to fund an aquifer study seeking funding from other State agencies and if that fails the town should consider a local appropriation to conduct an aquifer study for the entire town.

## **NEW COURT HOUSE.**

In March and April 1983 Selectmen held several meetings with County Commissioners, Court Officials, legislators and Selectmen from towns served by the Palmer District Court to advance plans on the construction of a new court facility in Palmer. In April 1983 a firm commitment was received from the County Commissioners to locate the new court house specifically in the Town of Palmer. In August the architectural firm of Drummy, Rosane and Anderson was selected by the Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to design the facility. On September 30, 1983 the County Commissioners voted to purchase or acquire the Nietupski property on Route 181 as the building site and they proceeded to negotiate with the present owners of the property. The projection for completion of the new court house is approximately two years.

## **ADDITION TO WAR MEMORIAL.**

After several months of planning an addition to the War Memorial on Converse Street, Palmer was erected in May 1983 just in time for the annual Memorial Day exercises. A Veterans Memorial Committee made up of representatives of the three Veterans organizations in the town coordinated the effort to honor the veterans of the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. The Park Department under the supervision of Park Superintendent, Michael Russo, did an outstanding job in re-landscaping the Memorial grounds with assistance of Mr. Oliver A. Beauregard, Highway Department Superintendent, and his Highway Department crew. Ludlow Memorial Company erected the new addition and cleaned the existing Memorial for the contract sum of \$1,595.00.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.**

On August 2, 1983 the Selectmen received word that the Town of Palmer was awarded a Community Development Block Grant in the sum of \$294,900 for one year beginning September 1, 1983 under the Small Cities Program. Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has been contracted to supply technical support services for implementation of the grant and Housing Allowance Project, Inc. has been selected to oversee distribution of housing rehabilitation and weatherization components of the grant agree-



ment. The priority community needs addressed in the grant application were (a) Deteriorating Housing Stock; (b) Needy Population; (c) Commercial Center Decline and (d) Retain and Enhance In-Town Economic Base. In late November, 1983 the Downtown Revitalization Committee opened an office at 20 Thorndike Street, Palmer as temporary headquarters for the administration of the grant.

#### **RETIREMENT.**

In December 1983 the Selectmen received word from Stanley J. Bigda that he plans to retire from the dual positions of Executive Secretary and Town Accountant on March 13, 1984.

Mr. Bigda was first appointed on March 1, 1969 and during his fifteen years of dedicated service he has served under Selectmen, William J. Lemanski, Thomas W. Haley, Donald W. Belisle, James L. St. Amand, Leo F. St. Amand, Gordon H. Christiansen, Edward J. Noonan, Palmer N. Santucci, Jr., Mark E. Benoit and Stephen L. Marhelewicz.

It should be noted that Mr. Lemanski was a member of the Board during Mr. Bigda's entire employment and of special interest is that he served under father and son, Leo F. and James L. St. Amand.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lemanski, Chairman  
Mark E. Benoit, Vice Chairman  
Stephen L. Marhelewicz, Clerk



## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

During my fifteen years in the employ of the Town of Palmer I have prepared the Selectmen's Reports in the Annual Town Report. I have never written an Executive Secretary's Report. However, since I am planning to retire on March 13, 1984 I deem it most appropriate to submit a report in my last full year in office. I want the record to show my personal feelings toward the citizens of the Town, toward the Selectmen I served under and toward the Department heads, Boards and Committees and to those with whom I was closely associated.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to have had the opportunity to contribute to the administration of town government and to have served the citizens of the Town of Palmer. It was a very rewarding experience.

I wish to thank the present Board of Selectmen, Mr. William J. Lemanski, Mr. Mark E. Benoit and Mr. Stephen L. Marhelewicz and former Selectmen, Mr. Leo F. St. Amand, his son, Mr. James L. St. Amand, Mr. Edward J. Noonan, Mr. Gordon H. Christiansen, Mr. Palmer N. Santucci, Jr., Mr. Thomas W. Haley and Mr. Donald W. Belisle for appointing and re-appointing me to the dual positions of Town Accountant and Executive Secretary. They placed their trust in me and for this I am ever grateful. I tried my best to carry out the duties of my office with professionalism and competence. In this respect I feel I served them well.

I wish especially to thank Mr. William J. Lemanski who served on the Board throughout my fifteen years in office. Our long relationship was one of mutual respect, cooperation and understanding. Mr. Lemanski was always a steadying force contributing stability and continuity to this highest office in town government.

All the Selectmen I have worked with were honest, law-abiding and truly competent town officials who conducted the affairs of their office with dignity and without personal or political prejudice and with the interests of the people of Palmer at heart. The same can be said of other town officials, past and present. The present office holders in the Town Administration Building are as fine a group as could be found in the Commonwealth.

I wish to thank my Assistant Town Accountant and Secretary, Carol Sugrue and my Secretary, Patricia Donovan, for their invaluable assistance. Without them my tasks would be much more difficult. The town can be proud to have persons with their skills in its employ. The employees in the other town offices are also exceptionally qualified and dedicated.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Highway Superintendent, Oliver A. Beauregard, for his cooperation and assistance. The responsibilities he carries are heavy yet the rewards are very thin. This often maligned public official has earned my appreciation and respect.

I wish to thank all the administrators in the various departments of our town government, both in the Town Administration Building and without for their cooperation in our common endeavor to provide good services and good government to the people of Palmer.

Lastly, I would like the citizens of Palmer to know that I conducted the affairs of my office in a non-political manner. I directed all my efforts for the good of the entire community never yielding to political, ethnic or special interest groups. I experienced a number of frustrations yet overall the town has made significant strides in improving the quality of life for its citizens. Most notably is the Sanitary Landfill which used to burn out of control and pollute the air we breathe. It is monitored very closely now by Town and State. We have cleaned up our rivers and streams with a modern wastewater treatment



facility. We have stabilized the real estate tax rate and managed to stay within the limits of Proposition 2½. The town has a very healthy surplus or so-called "Free Cash" amounting to approximately \$1,400,000. Our roads and streets are maintained reasonably well and our police department is well-organized and directed. We can be proud of our parks and we have one of the best libraries in the area.

To be sure, there is room for improvement. Our Industrial Park is vacant and there is a threat to our environment with the proposed siting of a hazardous waste treatment facility in a neighboring community. Some of our government services could be streamlined and automated. But overall, Palmer is above average in providing maximum services to its citizens in return for their tax dollar.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley J. Bigda  
Executive Secretary



**TOWN OF PALMER  
IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR**



**RESOLUTIONS UPON THE RETIREMENT  
OF STANLEY J. BIGDA**

**WHEREAS**, Stanley J. Bigda began his extensive and valuable service to the Town of Palmer as a member of the Finance Committee, serving that post for eighteen years, three years as chairman; and

**WHEREAS**, because of his professionalism and impartiality, he was elected to moderate the Town Meeting at which the location of the new town Administration Building was decided; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1969, he was appointed Town Accountant and Secretary to the Board of Selectmen, a post which two years later became Executive Secretary by vote of Town Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure in this position, he was instrumental in the construction of the Water Pollution Control Facility and the Palmer Industrial Park; and

**WHEREAS**, he has become known as Palmer's "Answer Man" because of his keen ability and vast knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past fifteen years, he has faithfully and with great dedication served in his dual role; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 17, 1984, he will retire, thereby terminating his long and creditable career as a public servant; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Selectmen acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Palmer hereby acknowledges the invaluable contributions made by Stanley J. Bigda during his many years of devoted public service and extends to him its best wishes for many years of health and happiness during his justly earned retirement; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that all those present and all the citizens of the Town of Palmer express their heartfelt admiration and congratulations to Mr. Stanley J. Bigda on this very happy occasion.

We have hereunto set our hand and caused the seal of the Town of Palmer to be affixed this fourteenth day of February, 1984

William J. Lemanski, Chairman  
Mark E. Benoit, Vice Chairman  
Stephen L. Marhelewicz, Clerk



## VITAL STATISTICS

The following Vital Statistics were received for record for the year ending December 31, 1983:

Births	154
Marriages	145
Deaths	164

The attention of parents and others is called to the following vital statistics. It is important that the records should be correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Town Clerk will deem it a favor to have the same reported to him at once, and he will make the corrections in accordance with the law. Parents should see that a proper return of birth is made as it may be of great importance in later life.

### BIRTHS-1983

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS
January		
2	Robert John Cain	Robert E. & Joyce
3	Ashley Anne Picknelly	Paul C. & Cynthia L.
10	Catherine Andrea Nichols	Richard A. & Catherine M.
11	Paul Albert Spink	Donald R. & Linda M.
12	Sean David Genereux	David G. & Candace L.
12	Marie Violette Talbot	Donald J. & Diane S.
13	Jared Stewart Johnson	Stewart E. & Robin L.
13	Chevelle Marie Trant	Jeffery L. & Edna J.
14	Ryan Patrick delaBruere	Jacques A. & Karen A.
18	Mathu Louis Lamb	William D. & Sandra L.
21	Tracy Nicole Cormier	Steven E. & Alice A.
24	Shawn Wesley Kelliher	Lawrence P. & Colleen E.
27	Timothy Adam Osterman	Vincent J. & Cheryl A.
27	Donald James Sadusky, Jr.	Donald J. & Holly A.
29	Thomas George Fortune	George J. & Kimberly M.
29	Crystal Jean Sherman	Donald L. & Beverly A.
31	Jacob David LaRose	David R. & Lynn A.
31	Shala Mary Rock	Gary L. & Kathleen A.
February		
1	Amber Lee Woods	Robert H. & Debra J.
4	Melissa Marie Lemanski	Ronald W. & Marilyn T.
5	Ruth Marie Vdovjak	John E. & Elaine E.
5	Meghan Marie Wisnewski	Philip F. & Jean M.
10	Jesse Lee Baird	Terry L. & Lorrie A.
13	Jennie Lee Olson	Raymond K. & Jane M.
17	Eric Matthew Windyka	Stephen P. & Cynthia J.
18	Anthony Nathaniel Miarecki	Gary J. & Lisa A.
23	Matthew Michael Rovelli	Michael A. & Cheryl M.
25	Jamie Lee Bamber	Scott D. & Cheryl A.
26	Andrew Barry Underwood	Barry L. & Sandra J.
28	Derek Jason Anghilante	Frederick J. & Dawn Lynn



## March

- |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Steven Stanley Kusek Jr.   | Steven S. Sr. & Karren A. |
| 6 Jeremy Michael Dec         | Paul J. & Sheila N.       |
| 8 Jacquelyn Mary DuComb      | David G. & Phyllis D.     |
| 11 Joshua James Machnik      | Mark J. & Simone A.       |
| 14 Lauren Elizabeth Colburn  | Glenn D. & Cindy L.       |
| 17 Laura Beth Niemczura      | Paul D. & Karen T.        |
| 18 Christopher Alan Bergeron | Richard D. & Patricia     |
| 18 Nicole Lucille Fay        | Neal E. & Kathleen A.     |
| 19 Paul Michael Laviolette   | Robert R. Jr. & Tammie S. |
| 24 Joanna Marie Baxter       | Theodore J. & Patricia J. |
| 24 Robert Jacob Plattner II  | Robert J. I & Lisa A.     |

## April

- |                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 5 Laura Marie Guilbault     | Thomas M. & Kay M.         |
| 6 Emily Marie Mead          | William A. & Dina L.       |
| 6 Rachel Ann Messier        | Richard F. Jr. & Cheryl A. |
| 7 Carey Jean Fountain       | Rodney W. & Nancy A.       |
| 7 Jeffrey Michael Srodulski | Michael R. & Deborah L.    |
| 9 Jessica Lynn Doane        | Gary A. & Diana R.         |
| 10 Christopher David Howard | Ralph W. & Cathy S.        |
| 20 Corinne Marie Belliveau  | Louis J. & Theresa M.      |
| 21 Jason William Bessette   | Francis W. & Cindy L.      |
| 21 Ryan Andrew Hackett      | Robert M. & Robin Ann A.   |
| 23 Nichole Elizabeth Clark  | Scott D. & Janisca M.      |
| 29 Jason Michael Swain      | Michael W. & Margaret I.   |

## May

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Jonathan Lee Rigali      | Henry L. & Mary A.      |
| 2 Brian Reed Chapin        | Wayne A. & Luanne J.    |
| 5 Kyle George Chaples      | George R. Jr. & Dina L. |
| 6 Katie Jeanne McKee       | Kendrick S. & Vicki L.  |
| 6 Gregg Joseph Richardson  | Edward C. & Phyllis J.  |
| 7 Emily Mae Newcomb        | Craig E. & Shelley J.   |
| 14 Timothy James Maurice   | Edward A. & Patricia A. |
| 17 Katherine Lyn Coache    | Michael J. & Judith A.  |
| 17 Kevin Matthew Goodhind  | Daniel E. & Deborah L.  |
| 17 Steven Joseph Hermanson | Eric R. & Helen D.      |
| 19 Jonathan David Ferry    | David W. & Margaret     |
| 22 Brooke Lynn Bradway     | Russell P. & Kristin M. |
| 23 David Scott Tuetken     | George H. & Norena      |
| 26 Stacy Lynn Richard      | Steve F. & Tonya L.     |

## June

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3 Jeffrey Edward Pardo     | Richard E. & Lynn E.    |
| 4 Amanda Marie Doyle       | Dennis S. & Kimberly A. |
| 8 Joseph Henry Baldyga     | Aime J. & Diane         |
| 9 Frederick Walter Shannon | Steven M. & Sandra C.   |
| 14 Gandalf Freed-Karns     | Edward J. III & Erin B. |
| 14 Sarah Marie Taylor      | Allison C. & Angela M.  |
| 17 Kyle Robert Pelissier   | Marc A. & Linda M.      |
| 20 Naomi Avis Baillargeon  | Peter J. & Gloria J.    |
| 24 Rebecca Jean O'Connor   | John A. & Barbara A.    |
| 30 Warren Stephen Izyk     | Peter B. & Cheryl A.    |
| 30 Jennifer Suzanne Kean   | Brian J. & Anna E.      |

## July

- |                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Richard Charles Kenyon | Richard P. & Dale A. |
|--------------------------|----------------------|



- 2 Mercedes Yvonne Loren  
Sharlee Aycox
- 6 Cassandra Karen Yelinek
- 13 Mathew Allen Biron
- 14 Crystal Lee Palmere
- 18 Ryan Michael Allard
- 29 Derrick Paul Bates
- 29 Krista Marie Sullivan

- Isaac Jr. & Cherie L.B.
- Raymond B. Jr. & Susan L.
- Michael A. & Mary E.
- Charles M. & Dorothy E.
- Thomas J. & Mary J.
- Walter A. & Darlene A.
- Raymond M. & Patricia A.

# August

- 11 Heidi Cassandra Dawson
- 11 Shawnee Nichole Demers
- 11 Ryan William Kerigan
- 15 Martin Joseph Blais
- 16 Kathryn Rose Schultz
- 18 Kala Marie Nicholopoulos
- 19 Nicole Marie Holland
- 20 Jill Kristin Brault
- 24 Jonathan Steven Lizak
- 26 Amanda Averill Hageman
- 30 Kristin Ashley Martinek
- 31 Charles Michael Jasak

- Edward W. & Lisa A.
- Paul M. & Diane M.
- Joseph F. Jr. & Nancy R.
- Gaetan D. & Darlene A.
- Thomas J. & Charlene J.
- Peter J. & Sandra L.
- Russell J. & Ruth M.
- Philip R. & Kelly A.
- Steven K. & Linda J.
- Edward V. & Debra C.
- Douglas P. & Angela M.
- Michael J. & Susan E.

# September

- 3 Amber Leigh Mayberry
- 8 Brian Alan Gouvin
- 11 Carrie Beth McNamara
- 12 Adam Michael Mancini
- 13 Erin Elizabeth Labrecque
- 14 Benjamin Alexander Kindberg
- 17 Christopher Xavier Graper
- 20 Joshua Michael Skowrya
- 20 Jeremy Ryan Toelken
- 22 Jessica Mae Marlow
- 22 Tracy Marie Olearczyk
- 22 Matthew John Rapisarda
- 23 Daniel Norman Holden

- Peter G. Jr. & Margaret E.
- Alan R. & Tammy
- Dennis J. & Marcia L.
- Justin P. & Patricia J.
- Michael R. & Carolyn A.
- David G. & Bogusia
- Gregory E. & Diane M.
- Leslie M. & Christine M.
- Brian W. & Amy M.
- Peter P. & Kitty M.
- Eugene J. & Donna M.
- Daniel J. & Sherry L.
- Daniel A. & Debra J.

# October

- 10 Gregory Michael Koss
- 11 Stephen Anthony Silva
- 12 Amy Beth Kelleher
- 17 Normand Michael Rioux
- 22 Ashley Marie Grindle
- 22 Eric James Hawk
- 24 Nicole Marie Blais
- 28 Jessie Lee Holmes
- 30 Andrew William Haveles
- 30 Christopher Martin Hougaard

- Kenneth M. & Betty A.
- Anthony J. & Krista M.
- Richard F. & Barbara J.
- Michael N. & Sharon D.
- Kenneth I. & Marlene M.
- Ricky J. & Sheila M.
- David H. & Sherry L.
- James E. & Pamela A.
- Robert S. & Pamela A.
- John M. & Bonnie S.

# November

- 4 Brandy Lee Graveline
- 5 Andrea Candida Carroll
- 5 Krystal Estelle Carroll
- 6 Sarah Elizabeth Chapman
- 6 Meghan Ann McCarthy
- 9 Nina Joan Nompleggi
- 9 Lindsay Beth Raymond

- Thomas J. & Sandra-Dee
- William W. & Lisa M.
- William W. & Lisa M.
- David L. & Monique
- Daniel P. & Noreen A.
- Robert A. & Gale M.
- Alan D. & Wendy L.



11 Anne Marie Lombardi  
 12 Brian Richard Caron  
 19 Christina Jeanne DeMaio  
 22 Jennifer Marie Patrie  
 23 Shannon Pauline Borkowski  
 23 Frank Andrew Waite  
 24 Kathryn Lyn Ursin  
 25 David Carl Kibbe  
 27 Joshua Emil Chapin  
 27 John Michael Glabicky  
 28 Nicholas Patrick Paydos

Ronald M. & Sharon E.  
 Mark R. & Nancy J.  
 Richard J. & Diane M.  
 Roy R. & Debra A.  
 Paul D. & Janet G.-A.  
 Gary A. & Thelma M.  
 David P. & Barbara M.  
 Carl M. & Anne E.  
 William G. & Louise A.  
 Eugene W. & Beverly A.  
 Patrick J. & Lorie A.

#### December

1 Thomas Patrick Lee Trombly Jr.  
 3 Shawn Michael Guzik  
 3 Andrea Beth Laviolette  
 6 Elida Kay Stinson  
 8 Joshua William Wiles  
 14 Steven Scott Stebenne  
 17 Jennifer Marie Coderre  
 18 Andrew Mark Kokoszka  
 18 Sheila Anne Raymond  
 21 Kevin Charles Pelissier, Jr.  
 21 Rachel Noelle Trant  
 22 Brian John Przybycien  
 23 Jeffrey Peter Wojtowicz

Thomas P. L. Sr. & Denise M.  
 Frederick J. Jr. & Wanda-Lee M.  
 Ronald J. Jr. & Lynne A.  
 Darell B. & Diana L.  
 Kevin W. & Celeste M.  
 Roger R. & Jean A.  
 David A. & Carleen F.  
 Joseph H. & Denise M.  
 Duane H. & Kathryn A.  
 Kevin C. & Brenda L.  
 Carl A. & Kathy A.  
 Stephen & Penny L.  
 Peter J. & Paulette M.



# MARRIAGES—1983

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
January				
8	Edwin K. Miller II	Denton, Texas	Nancy A. Kerigan	Dallas, Texas
15	Randall P. Brooke	Monson	Lisa A. Quaglini	Monson
15	Charles M. Palmere	Palmer	Dorothy E. Harris	Monson
February				
14	William F. Ochs	Palmer	Gretchen E. Neggers	Belchertown
19	Dennis S. Doyle	Palmer	Kimberly A. Pascale	Palmer
March				
19	Stuart C. Hazen	Palmer	Diane L. Mann	Palmer
19	David A. Perry	Palmer	Denise A. Corey	Palmer
19	Michael R. Sisco	Palmer	Susan I. Seguin	Palmer
26	Philip R. Brault	Palmer	Kelly A. Morgan	Palmer
26	Alan R. Gouvin	Monson	Tammy Mezzetti	Monson
26	Michael E. Gralinski	Palmer	Ruth P. Guerra	Agawam
26	Conrad A. Grenier	Palmer	Linda I. Fatheree	Southampton
26	Dennis J. Moran	Palmer	Susan M. Darling	Palmer
April				
9	Michael J. Messier	Ware	Claudia J. Martins	Palmer
15	Daniel A. Holden	Palmer	Debra J. Samson	Palmer
16	Timmy Bain	Lisbon Falls, Maine	Sheila M. Keyes	Lisbon Falls, Me.
16	Joseph Barone	Palmer	Grace Sequeira	Ludlow
16	Daniel N. Cardin	Palmer	Sallie T. Zietkowski	Palmer
26	Bryan Kortekamp	Monson	Debra M. Mack	Palmer
22	Todd G. Clark	Palmer	Lisa A. Coache	Palmer
23	Jeffrey E. Pluta	Palmer	Gladys M. Sadusky	Palmer
23	Mark J. Veber	Monson	Pamela A. Privee	Palmer
28	Gerald B. Battistoni, Jr.	Palmer	Tina M. Naylor	Palmer
30	Gordon R. Cole, Jr.	Oakham	Katherine A. Korzec	Palmer
30	Jimmy L. Merritt	Palmer	Lenora A. Gagnon	Palmer
May				
7	Stephen J. Atkins	West Valley City, Utah	Jody E. Lavoilette	Palmer
7	Roger L. Haley	Palmer	Barbara A. Lamb	Palmer
7	Randy P. Pascale	Monson	Kim K. Carlin	Monson
13	Lawrence J. Zelazo III	Palmer	Joan M. Brothers	Palmer
14	Nelson H. Comstock	W. Brookfield	Joann C. Stockmal	Palmer
14	Daniel R. Deso	Palmer	Linda A. Gaines	Palmer
14	Wayne C. Kibbe	Palmer	Ruth A. Paquette	Belchertown
14	Gerald Skowronek	Palmer	Linde J. Sullivan	Palmer
15	William R. Griswold	Palmer	Charlann Schofield	Palmer
17	Robert A. Kirley	Leverett	Kathleen M. Boulrice	Belchertown
21	Kenneth M. Abare	Palmer	Connie-Jo A. Russo	Palmer
21	Leo A. Befford	Palmer	Barbara L. Dumont	Palmer
21	Paul C. DeMaio	Palmer	Dori L. Philibotte	Palmer
21	Thomas E. Denner	Palmer	Cheryl L. Skomro	Monson
21	Randolph R. Roberts	Brimfield	Ann Marie Kajka	Brimfield
21	Robert A. Smigiel	Palmer	Karen Norris	Palmer
21	Richard A. Zawalski	Palmer	Denise A. Frydryk	Palmer
22	Michael J. Cote	Palmer	Patricia A. Shields	Palmer
22	Edward J. Kareta	Palmer	Louise A. Kszezka	Palmer
28	Dennis J. Densmore	Palmer	Christine L. Cortis	Palmer
28	Robert R. Massicott	Meriden, Conn.	Debra M. Jacek	Palmer
28	Edward E. Mincy	Palmer	Donna M. Bechard	Palmer



28	Keith M. Parent	Palmer	Pamela A. Shea	Palmer
28	Brien W. Toelken	Palmer	Amy M. Manning	Palmer
June				
4	James P. Brozek	Palmer	Suzanne M. Beauchemin	Palmer
4	Walter E. Dodge	Palmer	Pauline A. Kos	Palmer
4	Lawrence J. Ochs, Jr.	Palmer	Marcia A. Nicholas	Palmer
4	John J. Roche	Needham	Denise M. Dusseault	Palmer
10	Raymond P. Rusiecki, Sr.	Palmer	Bernadette C. Fountain	Palmer
11	Raymond Belliveau		Laurie A. Plumley	Monson
Stafford Springs, Conn,				
11	James M. Fauteux	Monson	Sherry A. Lamb	Palmer
11	James W. Fiske	Palmer	Shari L. Hoar	Palmer
11	Alan M. O'Connor	Palmer	Dianna M. Tidlund	Palmer
11	Edward C. Reardon Jr.	Medway	Milanka H. Zdravic	Palmer
11	Michael C. Stokes	Clarksburg	Laurie M. Bernier	Palmer
18	Gerald R. Chudy	Palmer	Kieran P. O'Brien	Palmer
18	Howard C. Cortis	Monson	Pauline J. DiLuzio	Palmer
25	Robert F. Burdri	Springfield	Diane C. Swiderski	Palmer
25	Kevin C. Pelissier	Palmer	Brenda L. Foisy	Monson
July				
1	William P. Miasazek	Palmer	Susan C. Jensen	Granby
2	Paul L. Caron	Monson	Denise A. Lucier	Monson
2	Jere T. Denning	Palmer	Helen M. Aniskiewicz	Palmer
2	Michael J. Jasak	Palmer	Susan E. Palka	Palmer
2	Patrick J. Paydos	Monson	Lori A. Lamb	Monson
2	David B. Pietrowski	Palmer	Lisa A. Cadieux	Palmer
3	Robert A. Squires	Monson	Maura J. Haraghey	Monson
15	David Pranaitis	Palmer	Debra S. Smith	Palmer
15	Duane H. Raymond	W. Springfield	Kathryn A. Royland	Palmer
15	Henry C. Tienken	Palmer	Bonnie J. Monette	Palmer
16	Roger M. Bonsall	Wilbraham	Jeanne M. Hatfield	Wilbraham
23	Robert R. Russo, Jr.	Palmer	Marcia L. McIntosh	Wilbraham
30	Joseph F. Lachowski	Lowell	Ann M. Marhelewicz	Palmer
August				
6	Steven M. Brozek	Palmer	Judith A. Swist	Palmer
6	Joseph H. Staniszewski, Jr.	Palmer	LuAnn Bigda	Springfield
11	Joseph E. Tobias	Palmer	Nellie F. Moreschi	Palmer
12	John W. Morrison	Monson	Carolynn Skowrya	Monson
13	Andrew L. Cole	Oakham	Theresa Zieminski	Palmer
13	Bruce E. Fowler	Monson	Mary E. Hart	Monson
13	Gahart R. Huff, Jr.	Palmer	Anna M. Nichols	Palmer
21	Keith J. Richardson	Monson	Margaret A. Murphy	Palmer
27	David H. Flamand	Palmer	Diane E. Emerson	Palmer
27	Michael J. Gancarz	Palmer	Teresa A. Koss	Palmer
September				
1	John M. Savage	Wales	Colleen A. Carroll	Wales
2	Charles A. Deyo	Palmer	Patricia A. Griswold	Palmer
3	Steven E. Dembkowski	Palmer	Mary Ellen Renaud	Palmer
3	Richard B. Hamilton	Palmer	Susan E. Latulippe	Palmer
3	John W. Leonard	Monson	Doris A. Slate	Palmer
3	Rodney J. Wing	Troy, N.Y.	Karla M. Lis	Palmer
10	Stephen M. Erickson	Palmer	Laurie L. Fortune	Palmer
10	Joseph M. Iwasinski	Palmer	Dianne L. Forcier	Palmer
10	Dean E. Mastalerz	Palmer	Susan E. Thurman	Palmer
10	Richard E. Narreau	Palmer	Gayland D. Clark	Palmer



10 Paul J. Richer	Palmer	Sharon L. McCollom	Palmer
17 George F. Czyzewski	Vernon, Conn.	Andrea S. Dorey	Vernon, Conn.
17 Mark E. Kozlik	Palmer	Natalie S. Gagnon	Palmer
17 John G. Palmere	Palmer	Teena M. Long	Monson
17 Daniel S. Rogers	Palmer	Debra A. Eurkus	Spring Valley, Cal.
17 Dale R. Ulmer	Palmer	Aileen B. Brown	Palmer
17 Timothy J. Watson	Palmer	Paula A. Getchell	Monson
24 Steven F. Bacon	Palmer	Jo-Ellen Grant	Palmer
24 Donald J. Holigan	Hartford, Conn.	Darlynne M. Dix	Springfield
24 William F. Masztal	Chicopee	Jean P. Wojtowicz	Palmer
28 Stephen Maher	Palmer	Kimberly J. Waldron	Palmer

## October

1 Karl F. Anderson	Palmer	Terri A. Martell	Monson
1 Maurice E. Dufresne	Palmer	Paula E. Leibman	Palmer
1 John H. Evans	Palmer	Jill M. St. George	Palmer
1 Christopher L. Geoffrion	Chicopee	Debra A. Zerdecki	Palmer
1 Steven L. Monette	Brimfield	Ann M. Lee	Palmer
7 Richard J. Laviolette	Palmer	Donna M. Coache	Palmer
8 David G. Backus	Palmer	Stella M. Haluch	Ludlow
8 Jeffrey A. Johnson	Palmer	Debra A. Cowles	Palmer
8 Robert J. Murphy Jr.	Palmer	Lori L. Killian	Palmer
8 John R. Santucci	So. Barre	Jacalyn A. Robert	So. Barre
12 Christopher Carlough	Pompton Lakes, N.J.	Pamela St. John	Boonton, N.J.
15 Paul T. Valdez	Palmer	Tammy L. Welsh	Palmer
16 Erick J. Genser	Arlington, Va.	Maureen J. Grady	Arlington, Va.
22 Paul T. Cullen	Palmer	Pamela J. DiGiacomo	Palmer
22 Sidney A. Sandgren	Ludlow	Barbara J. Nowakowski	Ludlow
28 William G. Lamoureux	Springfield	Phyllis A. Hermanson	Palmer
29 Gary J. Casey	Brimfield	Michelle M. Corbin	Palmer
29 James J. Haley Jr.	Palmer	Annette B. Boudreau	Palmer
29 Stanley R. Klisiewicz	Monson	Nancy K. Putnam	Monson
29 Andrew J. Riel	Palmer	Dana D. Goode	Palmer
29 George S. Woffenden Jr.	Palmer	Carol E. Nestor	Springfield
29 Alexander J. Zaskey	Palmer	Regina D. Medrzykowski	Monson

## November

5 Michael D. Champney	Palmer	Lisa A. Ellard	Palmer
11 Donald A. Plantier	Palmer	Marjorie A. Garceau	Palmer
19 Joseph F. Mango	Palmer	Debra A. Dimitropolis	Springfield
23 Burton E. Dewey	Monson	Anita M. Howe	Monson
25 Randolph S. Scheunemann	Jackson, Wisc.	Ruth L. Canterbury	Palmer
26 David A. Woodman	Palmer	Joanne A. Walter	Palmer

## December

3 Charles H. Chaffee	Monson	Alice R. O'Connell	Monson
3 David A. Dinelle	Palmer	Diane M. Palmer	Palmer
3 Andre J. LeBlanc	Palmer	Gail L. Perreault	Palmer
10 Donald R. Spink, Sr.	Palmer	Geraldine L. Fleury	Palmer
16 Mark C. Golas	Palmer	Rosemary Leneau	Warren
16 Robert E. Snyder	Palmer	Teresa M. Ruby	Palmer
17 Raymond J. Hozempa	Staffordville, Conn.	Lin M. Colby	Wales
23 Paul S. Veber	Holland	Sharon L. Fuller	Palmer
30 Anthony L. Kingsley	Whitingham, Vt.	Christine Drozdowski	Palmer
30 Dennis M. Mansfield	Palmer	Cheryl A. Miarecki	Palmer



# DEATHS - 1983

DATE	NAME	AGE
<b>January</b>		
1	Stanley Walter Douglas	67
2	Geneva Rivers	81
5	Frank Banach	57
6	Madeline Rose Smith	72
7	Joseph Charles Friedmann	79
9	Anthony Walter Broski	54
10	Robert Willard Darling	77
11	Llewellyn Tingley Outhuse	92
15	Raymond J. Sowa	61
16	John Michael Skowronek	28
19	Arthur Joseph Daury	72
20	Dorothy Elizabeth Laroché	55
20	Mary Celia Wroblicki	89
23	Bernice Adelle Moore	85
24	William Joseph Cruess	80
24	Mary A. Swain	81
25	Bertha B. Crepeau	84
29	Eva Skrok	90
<b>February</b>		
3	Joseph Santucci	86
10	Leslie Frank Aldrich	82
10	Gienawefa Constance Pisarski	89
13	Rosario Joseph Demers	81
18	Boleslaw J. Rymarski	67
<b>March</b>		
1	Martin L. Lathe	70
1	Jay Evans Rich	93
3	Mary Assunta Alberghini	74
3	Albert Ouellette	71
6	Ethyl Lacoste	97
7	Ralph Lloyd Davis	57
7	Wilfred Allen Dorsey	51
7	James Lyman Odell	86
9	Jane Lillian Morey	53
10	Lester Eugene Senecal	75
11	William B. Rivers	73
12	Victoria A. Lebeau	80
17	Corrie Ann Creaser	91
22	Rita Desrosiers	61
27	Irma Alice Rouvellat	79
31	Jeanette Ruth Izyk	73
<b>April</b>		
1	Bertha Lovejoy	76
2	Jennie E. Dranka	69
2	Hazel V. Vallee	67
3	Hattie Christine MacLean	92
5	Mary Exerina Masson	84
7	John F. Domey	59
7	Stanley Peter Lajzer	65
7	Paulena A. Snow	85



16	Frederick J. Niemand	81
18	Eleanor Mariam Chase	83
22	Edward Michael Cardin	64
22	Leo Wilbrod LaBonte	51
24	Edward Ernest Gay	79
25	William Henry Hartman	58
29	Mary Acabi Ekmalian	88

## May

1	Aldo Lewis Cornoni	72
1	Linwood Otis Walker	95
4	Mederic A. Bouthillier	67
4	Mary Duda	100
5	Romeo Philip LaBossiere	79
6	Shirley Olive Fegan	72
9	Stephen David Cope	68
9	James Richard Dallimore	68
9	Magdalena Polom	87
9	Alphonse Aime Tousignan Jr.	78
10	Rosalind Lucille Gale	73
10	Hovhannes Varjabedian	71
11	Maurice John Cieslak	67
13	Armand J. Vertefeuille	82
16	John E. Rainka	73
17	Stanley Joseph Mega	78
20	John Thomas Leacock Jr.	50
23	Andrew Michael Galanski	81
25	Bernice Mae Gould	63
25	Adelaide Woodhouse	81
27	Ida Elizabeth Szaban	72
29	Lelia May Worthington	80

## June

6	Anna Catherine Ridz	86
9	Julia Mary Wojtowicz	87
15	Mildred Coralie Bell	87
18	Ernest A. Chalue	65
19	John Joseph Szanderowski, Sr.	63
26	Hope Harriet Ellis	61
27	Odilon J. Breton	69
30	Amy Allen	86
30	Stanley Maslon	69

## July

2	Susanna Brown	70
5	Elizabeth Egan	86
12	Florence Ellen Murphy	69
13	Steffie K. Kulas	63
17	Raymond Russell Riddle, Jr.	60
20	Josephine Rose Sawicki	86
23	Julia Boryczka	86
26	Michael Makowiec	91
30	Mabel Beatrice Hamilton	87
30	Gleva Beryle Talcott	70
31	Antoni C. Kempista	92

## August

1	Robert E. Ertel	52
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11	Vida Margaret Jocelyn	69
20	Irene Estelle Besancon	73
21	Irene Handwerk	55
28	Clarence Simeon Potvin	70
<b>September</b>		
1	Norman Robert Wilson	78
4	Mieczyslaw Bielen	91
4	John Francis Sheeran	71
6	Peter Joseph Majka	96
6	Valeria Caroline Rusek	74
7	Leopold Leveille	87
13	Elizabeth Agnes Calkins	77
18	Thomas A. McLaughlin	22
19	Howard Dexter Stinson	47
22	Bertha E. Malo	93
27	Joseph S. Rudnick	76
27	Matthew Michael Walulak	69
30	Joseph Campbell	69
30	Anna Bridget Ziemba	90
<b>October</b>		
2	Agata Frydryk	91
8	Florence G. Cadieux	84
9	Michael Edward Neville	62
10	Genesta B. Cleveland	72
11	Hugh Kenneth Hubbard	72
23	Mary Antonett Baldyga	85
23	Wanda Fields Perry	59
27	Anna Mary Nowakowski	82
<b>November</b>		
2	Martha Elizabeth Wright	80
3	Lawrence Merle Fountain Sr.	74
3	Stanley Thomas Surowiec	74
4	Elizabeth Bridget McCrystal	86
14	Valeria Karolina Bubon	92
14	Myrle E. Burges	89
14	John Francis Kmon	72
15	Stella M. Fabion	80
16	Klementyna Burgiel	98
18	Frank Andrew Kajka	65
20	Elsie Mary Fontaine	81
27	Marilyn J. Sellars	43
28	Joseph Lawrence Augustine	75
28	Joseph John Ziemienski	76
29	Dana Ervin Judkins	54
29	Louis Trzepacz	72
<b>December</b>		
2	Harold W. Cawley Jr.	56
5	Bonheur L. Couture	72
5	Ruth Mary Sansoucy	65
7	Genevieve Anna Kulig	65
7	Stella M. Lichwala	73
9	Marion Leona Fisher	88
10	Joseph Agnes Jordan	95



13	Lomie Maude Garnett	85
15	Ernest Frank Julett	93
22	Marguerite Eva Dulude	84
23	Stephen Pilch	75
25	Cassius Elmer Lemon	88
25	Jadwiga Pilch	99
28	James Joseph Haley III	13 hrs. 5 min.
29	Margaret Mildred Griffin	86
29	Raymond Clark Smead	84



## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my annual report as Chief of Police for the year ending December 31, 1983.

The Department turned in to the Town Treasurer over \$26,240 in 1983.

Pistol Permits:	\$1460	Firearms dealer permits:	\$210	FID Card:	\$290
Reports	\$2202	Photographs:	\$243	Bruschi:	\$4170
		Court fines:	\$17,665		

Robert Frydryk was promoted to Sergeant on June 26, 1983 after having taken a Civil Service Examination. Thomas Frydryk was appointed as a Regular on May 17, 1983. Amico Barone, Joseph Barone, Charles Callahan III, and Kenneth White have been appointed as Permanent Intermittent Officers. All officers of the Department have received training as required by statute.

Carol Jay has taken over the bookkeeping and payroll duties within the Department on a part-time basis; Lawrence Jasak has been appointed as a Senior Clerk/Dispatcher on a full time basis. Both Carol and Larry are doing the work well.

Stephanie Lesniewski retired on June 30, 1983 after having been employed as Principal Clerk for 10 years. She was of great assistance to me while she was here and we all miss her vibrant personality.

We, of the Palmer Police Department, wish to thank the citizens of Palmer, the Finance Committee, and the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation and support during the last year.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. Olson  
Chief of Police

### JANUARY 1, 1983 thru DECEMBER 31, 1983

Number of Accidents	602
Fatal Accidents	1

#### CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Assault & Battery	11
Assault with Dangerous Weapon	18
Assault on Police Officer	11
Threat to Murder	5
Annoy Opposite Sex	1
Indecent Assault	1
Rape	3

#### CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

B & E & Larceny	181
Larceny Motor Vehicle	13
Breaking Glass Public Way	4
Malicious Destruction Property	27
Trespassing	34
Receiving/Possession Stolen Goods	18
Shoplifting	7
Forgery	1



## CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER

Public Drinking . . . . .	7
Disturbing the Peace . . . . .	2
Illegal Firearms . . . . .	3
Illegal Fireworks . . . . .	1
Illegal use of Firearms . . . . .	8
Disorderly . . . . .	19
Operating to Endanger . . . . .	26
Driving under Influence . . . . .	148
Motor Vehicle Laws . . . . .	457
Drugs . . . . .	30
Liquor Laws . . . . .	22
Town By Laws . . . . .	1
Other . . . . .	8
Fail Attend School . . . . .	3
<b>TOTAL COMPLAINTS . . . . .</b>	<b>1593</b>
Residents . . . . .	354
Non-Residents . . . . .	590
Male . . . . .	802
Female . . . . .	140
Juveniles . . . . .	38

## REPORT OF THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

During the past year, 2 ash, 2 oak, 1 pine and 31 maple trees were removed due to old age, decay or a danger to public safety.

Due to strong winds during the summer and icy storms in the winter, 5 maple trees and 1 pine had to be removed. Also many trees had to be trimmed due to splitting of limbs.

During the past year, 11 diseased elm trees were removed in accordance with recommendation of the Department of Natural Resources. Deadwood trimming and the raising of low limbs was done in all Precincts and fifteen tree stumps were removed.

The Forestry Department wishes to express its thanks to the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Telephone Company for their help and cooperation in the removal of trees and assistance in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Oliver A. Beauregard  
Tree Warden



**ANNUAL REPORT  
BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS,  
PALMER, MASS. 1983**

The Palmer Cemetery Commissioners held regular monthly meetings, with the exception of July and August, with good attendance and cooperation.

Vandalism of monuments and unauthorized trespassing of people and motor vehicles in our cemeteries continues to be a problem.

There are four cemeteries whose care and upkeep is the responsibility of this department:—Oak Knoll; Four Corners; Palmer Center; and Old Three Rivers.

Working within a modest budget, and with only two full time employees, supplemented by part-time help during the spring and summer months, the Town's cemeteries have been maintained in park-like condition, as well as providing all the normal services.

As of June 30, 1983 the Cemetery Commissioners have the following funds in custody of the Town Treasurer:

Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	\$ 21,471.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$104,493.00

Money received by the Town of Palmer from Cemetery Department services and funds during the year ended June 30, 1983 was as follows:

Sale of Lots	\$ 1,100.00
Opening Graves	\$ 5,975.00
Foundations	\$ <u>1,262.94</u>
	\$ 8,337.94
Interest received on	
Perpetual Care Funds	\$ <u>11,128.53</u>
Total	\$ 19,466.47

During the year, roads in Four Corners Cemetery were repaired. This completes a three year program of repairing all of the roads.

In April, Richard A. Laviolette was elected to a three year term as Cemetery Commissioner.

Our thanks to Myrtle F. Davis for her three years of help as a member of the Board.

We again acknowledge with sincere appreciation the cooperation and assistance of the Park, Highway, Water, and Police Departments. It is the intent of the Commissioners to cooperate to the fullest extent possible with all other Town Departments without adversely affecting the function of the Cemetery Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Faulkner, Chm.  
Robert J. Brown, Jr.  
Richard A. Laviolette



**REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**  
**Town of Palmer-1983**

	Adj.	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Scales and Balances				
Over 10,000 lbs.	0	3	0	0
5,000-10,000 lbs.	2	6	0	0
1,000-5,000 lbs.	3	9	0	0
100-1,000 lbs.	13	41	1	0
10-100 lbs.	6	49	2	0
10 lbs. or Less	6	9	0	0
Totals	30	117	2	0

**WEIGHTS**

Avoirdupois	0	66	12	0
Metric	0	47	0	0
Apothecary	0	36	0	0
Totals	0	149	12	0

**Liquid Measuring Meters**

Inlet One Inch or Less				
Gasoline	16	77	14	0
Oil-Grease	0	2	0	0
Inlet More Than One Inch				
Vehicle Tank	2	13	0	0
Totals	18	92	14	0

**Trial Weighings & Measurements of Commodities Sold or Put Up for Sale:**

Commodities	Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Bread	143	128	8	7
Butter	119	99	11	9
Charcoal	31	17	4	10
Confectionery	90	79	0	11
Provisions	493	451	20	22
Flour	79	53	14	12
Fruit & Vegetables	249	180	27	42
Meat	618	552	29	37
Potatoes	44	17	6	21
Milk	176	147	19	110
Totals	2042	1723	138	181

**Inspections:**

Cord Wood	64
Food Packages	2011
Charcoal	31
Milk Jars & Cartons	176
Gasoline	136
Fuel Oil Meters	41
Scales	119
Total	2578

Appropriations Balance January 1, 1983	\$1751.62
Expenditures January 1, 1983-June 30, 1983	\$1497.92
Balance Returned to Town	\$ 253.70



Appropriations July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984		\$2675.00
Expenditures July 1, 1983-December 31, 1983		<u>1166.85</u>
Balance		\$1508.15
Sealing Fees Due Town of Palmer	\$2021.50	
Sealing Fees Collected		\$1738.50
Sealing Fees Paid to Town Treasurer		\$1738.50
Sealing Fees Unpaid	\$283.50	

The foregoing comprises my report for the period ending December 31, 1983.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Jasak  
Sealer of Weights & Measures

### **ANNUAL TOWN REPORT PALMER PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board started the busy year of 1983 with Robert Haveles as Chairman and members Joseph Slowick as Vice Chairman, Walter Topor as Clerk, Thomas Leacock and Joseph Russell.

During the first months of the year the Planning Board approved a special permit for the construction of a new post office building in Thorndike. The building was erected at the corner of Pine and Church Streets, the site of a deteriorated building. The official dedication of the new building took place in December with a number of State and Town Officials present to wish the Post Mistress well.

Quaboag Transfer Inc. of Spencer was on the Planning Board's agenda several times during the past year. The company sought property for use in the storage of lumber which is brought by rail and then dispatched throughout the country by truck. Property on Thorndike St. was leased by Quaboag Transfer for several months for this purpose. The company then applied for use of the Metropolitan Airport. This proposal met with heavy opposition and the company abandoned the prospect.

After lengthy hearings and discussion, the Board approved a site plan for Quaboag Transfer at the Palmer Industrial Park, subject to approval by the State Office of Economic Development and other State and Federal Agencies. To this date the O.E.C.D. is investigating the proposed change in use which would allow the P.R.A. to offer the Industrial Park sites for storage and warehousing.

In May the Board reorganized and unanimously elected Joseph Russell to serve as Chairman for the upcoming year. Robert Haveles was chosen to serve as Palmer's Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission.

During the year the Board held public hearings for and approved special permits to the five major earth removal operations in the Town. The Board's policy for reclamation of certain areas on an annual basis has worked very well to aesthetically improve the appearance of some of these gravel operations. Constant supervision of erosion and water problems resulting from these operations is being maintained through an annual review of each operator prior to the granting of a permit.

An application for an arcade was submitted to the Board under the zoning district by-laws requiring a special permit for a place of amusement. The Planning Board's denial of this special permit request is being challenged in the courts and is expected to be heard sometime in January of 1984.

On September 26th Joseph W. Russell resigned from the Planning Board citing both health and personal reasons. Mr. Russell served on the Board for two and one half years offering his expertise and knowledge of community affairs unselfishly to the Town of Palmer.

Mrs. Rita L. Holuk was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Russell on November 8th by a vote of the remaining Planning Board members and the Board of Selectmen.

Robert S. Haveles tendered his resignation to the Planning Board on December 12th



to become effective on January 9th of 1984. As Chairman of the Downtown Revitalization Committee and the added responsibilities brought about by the awarding of a Community Development Block Grant by the State to Palmer, he would no longer be able to effectively serve on the Planning Board. Mr. Haveles decided to direct all his public energies to the DRC and continue as a member of that Board.

Mr. Haveles was also instrumental in gaining the funding needed by the Town for the Historical Survey Project and the subsequent rewarding of the grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission in May. An agreement was made with the Preservation Consultant, Ms. Patricia Wright, in October, and she will be conducting the Survey through March of 1984 with the assistance of Jane Golas the local coordinator for the project.

The Board held seventeen public hearings throughout the year, most of which were under the Site Plan Review By-Law, which requires a special permit for anything other than a single or two family home that is to be erected or externally enlarged.

The Board is looking toward the new year with much expectation. The Board hopes to update the zoning by-laws which are constantly in need of review. Work with the Downtown Revitalization Committee, the Palmer Redevelopment Authority, the Historical Commission, and the Conservation Commission and other Town Boards will continue to be in the Planning Board's best interest to maintain the Quality of Life for the citizens of the Town of Palmer.

**REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR**

To The Board Of Health And The Citizens Of Palmer, Mass.°

I respectfully submit my report on the following licenses issued for the year 1983:

43 Milk Store Licenses at \$1.00 . . . . .	\$43.00
3 Milk Vehicle Licenses at \$2.00 . . . . .	\$ 6.00
	<u>\$49.00</u>

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Walter J. Swiatlowski  
Milk Inspector

**REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS**

The Park Commissioners hereby submit their report for the year 1983. Regular meetings of the Park Commission are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Administration Building.

The spider web type cracks in the blacktop surface of the skating rink in the village of Thorndike prevented the park employees from freezing the rink for skating during the winter of 82-83 because it would not hold water. This problem was resolved however when \$2,000. was appropriated in the 83-84 budget to have a new one (1) inch layer of blacktop laid and sealed over the existing surface. This was completed in September of 1983 and now the children of Thorndike are once again enjoying skating.

The Park Department employees continued to work on the construction of more ball diamonds this past summer at New Burleigh Park to alleviate the shortage of playing fields. One pee wee size ball diamond is completed and will be available for use in the spring of 84. A second field is nearing completion and it is the hope of the Park Commission that funds will be made available in the F.Y. 84-85 park budget so as to be able to complete this second field.

The popularity of the Palmer Horseshoe League which plays its games at New



Burleigh Park continues to spread and the number of persons playing horseshoes continues to grow. Its members requested that more courts be constructed. This past April, six (6) more courts were constructed by park employees bringing to twelve (12) the number of courts now available.

During the winter, ten (10) new park benches were constructed and most playground equipment and machinery was repaired and painted.

The two baseball backstops at Nick Laviolette Field in the village of Three Rivers were raised six (6) feet higher with a ten (10) foot hangover to prevent foul balls from being lost in the river and tall grass directly behind homeplate. Also a third temporary ball diamond was set up on Laviolette Field for the Little Girls Baseball League to alleviate the crowded conditions due to so many teams in the league. This condition will be eliminated when the ball diamonds at New Burleigh Park now under construction are completed.

The skating rinks in the villages of Three Rivers, Bondsville and Thorndike were sealed. Also sections of Legion Field football field and ball fields at Guy Celentano Memorial Field were returned as well as fertilized, limed and sprayed with weed killer.

Under Article 19 of the 1982 Annual Town Report, the Park Commission requested and received \$29,000. to construct rest room facilities on Nick Laviolette Field, Three Rivers. Specifications for the facility were put out to bid. The bids received were well in excess of the amount appropriated so the bids were rejected and new bids will be advertised in time to have the rest rooms constructed for the start of the 84 spring activities.

The federally funded program (S.Y.E.P.) Summer Youth Employment Program under the supervision of Mr. William Gallagher was once again available to the Park Department. Five (5) young men ages 14 thru 21 worked at all the parks painting equipment and clearing brush. Also, under the supervision of Park Superintendent Mike Russo, they cut and trimmed brush along all the guard rails on town highways.

The apprehension of five (5) young men by the police for the destruction of property at New Burleigh Park last year had an enormous effect in reducing vandalism at that park and other parks throughout the town. These young men were placed on probation and ordered to make restitution for damages, thereby serving notice to others that any act of vandalism will not be tolerated and will be dealt harshly by the law.

The summer recreation program at New Burleigh Park again attracted a large number of children. The Park Commissioners and Park Superintendent want to thank Director Mr. Wayne Cole and his staff for their cooperation and another job well done.

Park employees continue to replace rotted out wooden planks on the permanent bleachers on Legion Field. This situation is becoming more and more acute and costly each year. The Park Superintendent continues to emphasize the fact that a long look should be taken at this situation and change the flooring to some other durable material such as concrete or aluminum planking. In the past the Park Commission has submitted articles in the Town Warrant or specifications in the Park Budget to have this situation corrected only to have the article indefinitely postponed or the specifications removed from the budget. We the Park Commissioners believe this situation should be rectified before some individual is injured.

The Park Commissioners and Superintendent Mike Russo would especially like to thank Town Accountant and Executive Secretary Stanley Bigda for his assistance and advice over the past 15 years. We wish him well during his retirement.

We would like to thank Palmer Fire Chief Gus Theodore, Superintendent Jim Am-



mann of the Palmer Water Department, and Superintendent Oliver Beauregard of the Highway Department for their assistance in helping to complete many of our park projects, also Wayne Cole, Director of the Summer Recreation Program and his staff for their cooperation. We also extend our thanks to Police Chief Harold Olson, his officers and members of the Police Auxiliary for their vigilance of park property, to the citizens of Palmer for their cooperation and consideration when using park facilities, to individuals of other town departments, to Park Superintendent Mike Russo and his staff and to the Honorable Board of Selectmen for their help and guidance whenever needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Burns, Chairman  
Richard Pobieglo, Vice Chairman  
Dean McKee, Secretary  
Walter Pluta  
Margaret Ferry

### **REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

I herewith submit my report as Forest Fire Warden of the Town of Palmer for the year 1983.

This department responded to a total of 20 calls during the year.

10 for the forest fire and brush in the Palmer Fire District.  
8 for the forest fire and brush out of the Palmer Fire Dist.  
2 for Mutual Aid.

At this time I would like to thank all the neighboring Chiefs and men of the other Fire Departments that helped us during the year.

I also wish to thank your Honorable Board and the Palmer Police Department for the cooperation and help received during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gus A. Theodore  
Forest Fire Warden  
Town of Palmer

### **REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

All inspections ordered by the Division of Animal Health have been completed and requirements of Section 19, Chapter 129 of the General Laws of Massachusetts have been complied with, and reports filed with the Division at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There were 112 visits made to examine and quarantine dogs known to have bitten persons. None showed symptoms of rabies and were released after 10 days.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis S. Jacek  
Inspector of Animals



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

All Alcoholic Licenses	Annual	Seasonal
Inn Holders	3	0
Retail Package	4	1
Clubs	5	1
Druggist	1	0
Restaurants	12	2
<b>Wine and Malt Beverages</b>		
Retail Package	5	0
Restaurants	2	0
<b>Common Victuallers</b>	<b>56</b>	

This year the Board issued 25 Beer & Wine one day permits and 10 All Alcoholic one day permits to non-profit organizations.

This year the Board collected fees amounting to \$14,905.00. These fees were turned over to the Town Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wlodyka, Chairman  
Lawrence Jasak, Vice-Chairman  
C. J. Murphy, Clerk

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of my activities for the year 1983. Permits were approved, specifications reviewed, and construction monitored for:

Remodeling of Multi-Family Units . . . . .	3
New Commercial Buildings . . . . .	1
Remodeling of Commercial Buildings . . . . .	11
Additions to Commercial Buildings . . . . .	3
Signs . . . . .	3
Single Family Dwellings . . . . .	21
Single Family Additions/Alterations . . . . .	23
Swimming Pools . . . . .	11
Chimneys . . . . .	3
Other Structures . . . . .	44
Demolition . . . . .	1
Wood Burning Stove Permits . . . . .	25
Money collected in fees and permits amounted to . . . . .	\$4,624.50

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Rollet  
Building Inspector



## REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

As Gas Inspector for the Town of Palmer, I am responsible for the inspection, testing and the issuing of permits according to the codes, regulations and provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws. In this capacity nineteen inspections were made and permits issued.

The second phase of work done by this department includes investigating complaints of old and potentially dangerous gas fitting installations, violations of the law, and hazardous and defective material.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Police Department, and other Town Agencies with whom I have worked during the year for their cooperation.

Gary F. Stahelski  
Gas Inspector  
Town of Palmer

## PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY

A rating of "Commendable" has been received from the State Executive Office of Communities and Development, by the Palmer Housing Authority, for its excellence in financial planning and management. This rating carries with it subsidy and privileges which are beneficial to the project.

All apartments at Laurel Manor are occupied, the tenants being six men and 43 women. Of this number, three are in their 90s, 16 in the 80s, 24 in their 70s, and 6 in their 60s.

Laurel Manor, built for the housing of low income elderly, has a waiting list of less than 20. People, 65 years of age or older, are eligible, provided their **Income** is not more than \$10,864 for a single person, or \$12,416 for a couple, and that their total **assets** do not exceed \$15,000. Only five vacancies occurred in 1983, all of which were promptly filled from the waiting list.

Laurel Manor, built in 1970 and occupied 12 years ago, has been designated a "very energy efficient facility" as the result of an Energy Audit performed the first of the year. Door sweeps installed on all apartment doors, to keep out the drafts, was one of the more recent improvements.

The Palmer Housing Authority is under the management of a five member board which meets monthly. An executive secretary and a maintenance man, both part time employees, carry out the daily supervision of the project. The board is proud to present this yearly report of its stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

Myrtle F. Davis, Chairman and State Appointee  
Rev. Guy M. Judkins, Vice Chairman  
Richard E. Fontaine, Treasurer  
Veronica A. Strzeminski, Asst. Treasurer  
William J. Lemanski



**PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**Fiscal Year 1982 - 1983**  
**Circulation Statistics**

Total circulation for fiscal year 1983 was 137,948.  
 The non-book circulation was 46,651.  
 Patrons read 17,545 periodicals.  
 Patrons listened to 5,634 records and tapes.  
 Children watched 2,285 kits.  
 Puppets, games and toys were used by children 1,643 times.  
 Patterns were used 186 times.  
 Patrons read 17,498 paperbacks.  
 Videocassettes were watched 202 times.  
 Reference questions were answered by the staff 3,377 times.  
 Interlibrary loan requests were processed for 356 materials.  
 Library staff reserved 685 books for patrons.  
 Community groups borrowed 292 films.  
 Library equipment was used 579 times.  
 The Library loaned 91,297 books.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983**

**RECEIPTS**

Balance July 1, 1982	\$ .97	
Town Appropriation	129,000.00	
State Aid	5,694.50	
Trust Income	6,000.00	
Lost, Damaged Books, Donations	<u>2,953.57</u>	
Total		\$143,649.04

**EXPENDITURES**

Salaries	90,969.21	
Books, Magazines, Records	23,726.05	
Supplies	2,495.49	
Bookmobile	1,583.19	
Operations	24,461.77	
Equipment	<u>412.80</u>	
Total		<u>143,648.51</u>

Cash Balance June 30, 1983	.53
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## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

### 1983

The past year has been an extremely busy and productive one for the Palmer Public Library. With only eight staff members, the Palmer Public Library has remained open 6 days a week, more hours than any of the neighboring town libraries. The library's collection has increased through regular and careful acquisition of materials. The total collection now includes 48,755 items, of which 45,579 are books. The library also provides many other kinds of materials, including records, cassettes, filmstrips, magazines, and videocassettes. The library loans equipment to community groups, as well as 16mm films, has a typewriter available for the public, and even loans out cameras through a donation by Polaroid. Audiovisual and nonprint materials now account for 46,651 loans in 1983. This year 91,297 books were circulated, bringing the total circulation figure to 137,948, higher than any neighboring library, including some larger than Palmer. This high circulation is due not only to the many hours the main library is open, but also to the helpful attitude of the staff. The Palmer Public Library bookmobile, which is on the road three days a week also serves many borrowers. The main library and the bookmobile are both used extensively by students for homework and research purposes.

The library's Community Room is seeing ever-increasing use with subsequent impact on operations and supplies budgets. Not only is the room used by the Golden Agers, Villagers, Girl Scouts and so on, it is also used for many community groups' fund-raisers, and by Springfield Technical Community College for classes, as well as for library-sponsored classes such as quilting and flower arranging. Often every available space in the library including the Community Room, the basement, the video/study room, and the kitchen is being used. The library also sponsors other activities, such as the Art and Crafts Fair, the Summer Music Concert Series, Hampden County Extension programs, and art shows, all of which add to the cultural resources available in Palmer.

During this year, the building has been refurbished at no cost to the town, by utilizing Summer Youth Employment Program workers to paint the library portico, shutters, doors, basement and stairs. Other maintenance items such as repair of the air conditioning system were paid from the regular library budget. The video/study room has been heavily utilized with twice a day showings of videocassettes in the summer and current use for meetings and study.

The librarian received a federal grant of \$3,000 to improve Young Adult Services. Only two libraries in the area received federal grants. These funds were used to augment the Young Adult collection and services, and 400 books, 100 records, 30 filmstrips, 5 videocassettes, and 9 magazine subscriptions were purchased. These materials concentrated on careers and life skills, as well as popular light reading. In addition, generous donations, both to book memorial funds and for special purposes, such as for a sand and water table for the preschool story hour, continue to be highly appreciated in these times of budget constraints.

Children's programs, under the direction of Nancy Bauer, continue to be an extremely important and popular part of the library's functions. This summer 66 children enrolled in the summer reading club. This fall there are two preschool story hours for 4 year olds and one for 3 year olds, each with 20 children enrolled. There is also an Arts and Crafts series offered each week with the YMCA for first to third graders with 29 children enrolled. In addition to all these reading-oriented activities, there are film programs for the children during the vacation periods.

In regard to the library's collection, all the books have been thoroughly weeded, which involves inspecting each of the 45,677 volumes and withdrawing any that are worn or outdated. This was a necessary preliminary to starting to automate. These withdrawn books are sold at the Arts and Crafts Fair. The reference section has been



strengthened, especially in the areas of science and technology, and business periodicals such as the Wall Street Journal are now available. Many children's items such as books, puppets, puzzles and filmstrip/cassette kits have been purchased. The variety of materials is often commented on, especially by new borrowers. All this collection-building reflects much work on the part of the staff, since all items have to be selected (after consulting reviews), ordered, catalogued, and processed before they can be checked out. To have an extensive and current collection is a major library goal, and one this library is trying to fulfill.

The library, having completed the first step toward data conversion, which is weeding, is now about to begin inventory and piece conversion. Each book and shelf list (inventory) card will have to be labeled with a machine-readable (OCR) label; 100,000 labels have been ordered. Over the past few months, various staff members, especially the librarian, have attended numerous workshops on automation in preparation for this process. Many decisions had to be made jointly by the 28 member libraries on data entry procedures, telecommunications set-up, circulation and interlibrary loan policies, and technical procedures before actual conversion could start. In addition, the Central Processing Unit had to be set up and the entire Library of Congress database of 1.5 million records loaded so that item "matches" could be made. All these steps have been accomplished. The Palmer Public Library computer terminal has just been hooked up at the remote site for this area on a direct telecommunications line to Paxton, location of the Central Computer. Data conversion training is about to begin, and the data conversion itself will involve entering each of Palmer's 45,677 books into the database and searching for a "match" with the Library of Congress database, then adding Palmer's individual item information. The entire process is very complex, and will absorb much staff time and energy these coming years. However, the gains in accuracy of information and access to other libraries' collections should be well worth it.

The librarian applied for and received a \$1,000 Arts Lottery grant to purchase art prints, which will be available for patrons to take home on loan. The library received Arts Lottery funds to help pay for the Summer Music Concert series. The Palmer Public Library also continues to support Literacy Volunteers by providing space, supplies, and materials, as well as coordination of workshops and serving as contact point for the 14 tutors and 12 students. Gerry Molleur serves as Coordinator in addition to her regular work.

A library is a sum of many things including materials, staff, and the interaction between staff and people, as well as trustee and association support. All these factors contribute to a good library. Good books are not enough; good staff are essential. Also necessary is community support, and with its hours of service, varied collection, and dedicated staff, the Palmer Public Library deserves and needs your and the town's support.

Respectfully submitted,

Olga Merrick  
Director



**PALMER HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**Year Ending December 31, 1983**

With the help of a State grant, the ongoing research of historically or architecturally significant buildings and sites, within the Town of Palmer, is continuing, but at an accelerated pace. Patricia Wright, Preservation Consultant, along with Mrs. Jane Golas, is spearheading this project assisted by Mrs. Frances Fulton and Mrs. Sandra Nichols.

Our thanks go to the Board of Assessors for allowing us to peruse their records of assessment. Some of these early records are invaluable since they can sometimes pinpoint the age of construction. Eventually, with all this information in hand, historical districts will be established.

Geneological research is another ongoing project. Mrs. Marion Lis has been able to assist researchers from across the United States who write for confirmation of early birth, death and marriage records. A filing system has been set up so that where research reveals an overlapping of families, we are able to refer researchers to others who might be following the same family line. Our thanks go also to Mr. Jacob Toshikian, Town Clerk, for allowing us free access to his records which date back to the 1700's.

There have been a rash of inquiries from within the State as well as from throughout various parts of the country, from people and groups requesting historical information and records on various subjects relating to the Town of Palmer. Some of the historical categories are: various churches, mills, railroads, parks, early bandstands, and data pertaining to Palmer's involvement in the Shay's Rebellion. The Historical Commission has been instrumental in supplying this information.

We are constantly on the lookout for early documents and records that would aid us in our research. Again we are asking the citizens of the Town of Palmer for their help in this matter. If you are in the possession of an early Bible or diary, photos, maps, ledgers etc., we would be pleased if you would allow us to copy them by way of our photostat machine.

There is a great deal of significant history associated with the Town of Palmer and our aim is to preserve as much of it as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Fogarty, Chairman  
William Wadas  
Reginald Gale  
Doris Nahabedian  
Stephen Lebida  
Jane Golas  
Marion Lis

**REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Conservation Commission herewith submits its annual report for the year 1983.

The Commission meets the third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Administration Building.

This year the Commission held four public hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act. We also made fourteen inspections of sites for possible violations. The Commission worked closely with The Planning Board this year in performing our duties.



An important issue for us this year was the new Wetlands Protection Act Regulations which went into effect April 1st.

The Commission has continued its membership with the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions. Members of the Commission attended the MACC Spring meeting in February at Holy Cross and the Fall meeting in September at Holyoke Community College. Also, Commission members attended a MACC sponsored workshop on the new Wetlands Protection Act.

Some of the issues before the Conservation Commission this year were the AT&T installation of the light guide cable and two regeneration buildings, the Warren Street project and filling of the sump hole, The Massachusetts Rail Road Association's spraying of the tracks, Quaboag Transfer's proposed relocations and gravel bank violations.

The Commission continues to work with the Quaboag River Watershed Association, Inc. in their effort to achieve designated status for the Quaboag River under the Scenic Rivers Program.

We wish to thank all Boards, Committees and Departments for their help and cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Johnson, Chairman  
Jane Golas, Vice Chairman  
Donald Duffy  
Harry Johnson  
Andrew Roman  
Richard Stred  
William Wadas

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals received six applications for variances to the dimensional requirements of the Town of Palmer Zoning By-Laws for the year 1983.

The Board held public hearings on all petitions received according to the provisions of Chapter 40-A, Section 11, of the Massachusetts General Laws. As a result of these hearing five variances were granted.

Income generated from this Board amounted to \$210.00. These fees are collected to cover the expenses of the public hearing requirements.

Joseph W. Topor, Jr., Chairman  
Joseph L. Marchelewicz, Vice Chairman  
Mitchell L. Dobek, Clerk  
Dr. William Riley  
Gordon R. Dean  
Dr. Charles A. Labuz, Alternate  
Floyd D. Romanik, Jr., Alternate



## **1983 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALMER WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITIES**

1983 was a challenge for us at the Palmer Water Pollution Control Facilities. Our Maintenance Supervisor, Andy Squires, left our employ to work for a private company. His position was filled by Martin Greany of St. John Street, Palmer, MA. Martin comes to us from Utility Manufacturing where he spent many years in their Maintenance Department. Martin is doing an excellent job of keeping the Plant functioning and keeping maintenance costs low.

Donna Coache also left our employ to become the wife of Rick Laviolette and moved out of the area. Our new Laboratory Technician is Kathleen Dyer of Anderson Street, Three Rivers, MA. It is her job to run the tests necessary to effectively treat the sewage and insure we meet our State and Federal discharge requirements.

We started the Industrial Pre-Treatment Program which is required by our N.D.P.E.S. Permit. This program requires that we monitor and limit certain industrial discharges to the sewage system. We are very pleased at the excellent cooperation that we are receiving from all of our industrial and commercial users. This program will significantly increase the work load of our newly appointed Laboratory Technician.

After much effort by Palmer's Board of Selectmen and the Monson Board of Selectmen and various State officials, the Monson Developmental Center finally completed the work necessary to tie into our system. We are now receiving all of Monson Developmental Center's septage.

As some of you may be aware, the Treatment Plant staff is involved in the Statewide Acid Rain Monitoring Program. Once a month, we analyze the samples taken by volunteers and report the results to the University of Massachusetts. We are very proud to be part of such an important project.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hogerheide  
Chief Operator, P.W.P.C.F.

### **REPORT OF THE PALMER SUMMER RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Fun, excitement, adventure and competition were the results of our summer of 1983. Providing these results were our traditional games of a recreational nature, low organized games, tennis, archery and as always our favorite activity, swimming. Horse-back riding and back-packing were added to our list of selected programs.

Competitive events were held with Monson Recreation in basketball, baseball and softball. Our second track and field meet against Monson again proved to be a popular and exciting activity. With the Summer Olympics approaching us in 1984, we hope its interest will provide us with an even greater participation in our track and field events.

Again, we thank Mr. Russo and his Park Department staff for their cooperation and hard work in providing a very active and varied recreation program for the 260 children who took advantage of the summer of 1983.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Cole  
Recreation Director



## **COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL REPORT**

The Palmer Council on Aging, Palmer Senior Center is now in its 10th. year of operation, with its continued location at 29 Central Street, Palmer. The number of senior citizens 59 years of age and older has increased to 2,801 as of January 1st, 1984. Of this number 1,068 are members of the Palmer Senior Center.

Fiscal year "83" was a very productive year for the Palmer Senior Center. We acquired an 18 hour a week senior van driver, paid from the Town of Palmer, thru the Council on Aging Budget. We also acquired 20 more hours a week for the senior van driver from the New England Green Thumb Program, 5 Summer Drive, Winchendon, Mass., paid from monies thru Title 5 of the Older Americans Act, Dept. of Labor. The Palmer Senior Center also acquired a 20 hour a week Senior Aide for the office, paid thru the Senior Aide Program, Dept. of Elder Affairs in Boston. Both of these positions are Federally funded.

**GRANT FUNDS:** A new 12 passenger handicapped van was acquired thru grant funds from the Dept. of Transportation and Construction in Boston. The Dept. of Transportation paid 80% of the cost of the van and the Palmer Senior Citizen's Club Inc. paid the other 20% of the cost of the van. The Palmer Senior Citizen's Club Inc. share of the cost was \$3,466.45. Grant funds were also acquired from the Dept. of Elder Affairs in Boston to purchase a new refrigerator and stove, pots, pans and silverware for the new kitchen, soon to be installed at the Palmer Senior Center.

Our present programs at the Palmer Senior Center are:

**TRANSPORTATION:** Our senior van logged 16,775 miles, carrying 2,796 passengers during 1983. We made 5,440 trips. 284 medical, 730 nutritional, 883 personal, 761 shopping and 2,763 home trips. 4,960 passengers were ambulatory, 40 passengers were non-ambulatory, 440 passengers were non-elderly handicapped. The operating expenses were \$2,171.85 for gas and oil and \$234.99 for van repairs. These funds are provided by rider donations and the Palmer Senior Citizen's Club.

**NUTRITION:** Elizabeth Kolbusz who directs our nutrition program reports that five days a week a hot meal was delivered to 28 shut-ins and three days a week a hot meal was delivered to 22 shut-ins during the past year. Springfield Home Care reports these amounted to 6,151 meals. These meals are delivered by Palmer volunteers and are furnished thru Springfield Home Care Corp.

An elderly lunch program is held at Pathfinder Regional Voc.-Tech. High School each day for 50¢. A seven week lunch program for the elderly was held during the summer school vacation.

**HEALTH:** Four free health screening clinics were held at the Palmer Senior Center during 1983. They are sponsored by the Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurse Assoc. Inc. 223 of Palmer's elderly were served at these clinics for weight, blood pressure, urinalysis and blood sugar. 21 free blood pressure clinics were held at the Palmer Senior Center in 1983. 881 seniors availed themselves of this service.

Several of our Palmer seniors were referred to Springfield Home Care Inc. for needed home care services.

Free Hearing Screening Clinics are held each month at the Palmer Senior Center, sponsored by Belltone. 171 seniors were helped by this program.

**OUTREACH:** 69 elderly shut-ins were visited at their home thru the Friendly Visitor Program, sponsored by the Palmer Senior Center. 93 outreach telephone calls were made



to elderly shut-ins, during 1983.

**PHONE SERVICE:** 5,753 phone calls were taken at the Palmer Senior Center during 1983. 2,444 calls were for the senior van, 3,039 calls for information, 259 calls for fuel and 11 calls for referrals.

**FREE TAX ASSISTANCE:** A free tax service was made available to Palmer senior citizens for either Federal or State Income tax. The tax counseling for the elderly (TCE) program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, (AARP) in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. Volunteer counselors are trained by the I.R.S. 98 of our seniors were helped by this program.

**FREE FEDERAL CHEESE AND BUTTER PROGRAM:** 792 pounds of surplus butter and 396 5-pound blocks of cheese were given out free by the Federal government from the Palmer Senior Center to any senior who met the Federal required guidelines.

**FUEL AID:** Over 100 elderly received fuel assistance thru the Valley Opportunity Council, fuel assistance program. V.O.C. has office space at the Palmer Senior Center.

**SPEAKERS:** During 1983 seven speakers were at the Palmer Senior Center to explain and answer questions on different subjects to interested senior citizens; Medicare, Tax Assistance, Social Security, Legal Services, New Health Programs, Medex, Wills and Legal Documents. 233 Seniors attended these sessions.

**NEWSLETTER:** To keep our elder population informed of the various free services, programs, speakers, activities, trips and events at the Palmer Senior Center, a monthly newsletter is mailed out. A fee of \$1.00 is charged each senior per year that receives the newsletter to help cover the cost of the mailing. 6,258 newsletters were sent out in 1983.

**RECREATION:** 12 day trips and 4 overnight trips were sponsored throughout 1983 from the Palmer Senior Center. 780 seniors took these trips. Our annual Christmas Party at the Palmer Grange Hall attracted 106 senior citizens.

Our annual summer picnic at Stanley Park in Westfield attracted 132 seniors. This picnic is paid for thru the Palmer Senior Citizen's Club, Inc. Six holiday parties were held at the Palmer Senior Center throughout 1983.

**LENDING LIBRARY:** Many of our seniors borrow from our small collection of paperback and hard cover books. These are all donated to the Palmer Senior Center.

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING CUPBOARD:** The Palmer Senior Center has started a medical equipment lending program. We have wheelchairs, a walker, a commode and a hospital bed. All these items were donated. 10 seniors availed themselves of our equipment throughout 1983.

**VOLUNTEER DAY:** In recognition of our senior center volunteers, the Palmer Senior Citizen's Club, Inc. took 13 senior center **weekly** volunteers to lunch at Valhalla Country Club in Monson. This is a yearly event.

**DAILY REGISTRATION SHEET:** There is a daily registration sheet for those seniors who wish to sign when they come into the senior center. During 1983 6,410 elderly signed this sheet. Around 10% do not sign.

**CLASSES:** Classes are held each week at the Palmer Senior Center for those interested in Sewing, Arts and Crafts, Crocheting, Knitting, Exercise, Walking. Card games, Cribbage, and Bingo are also very popular.



The Council on Aging meetings are held on the first Monday of the month in the Palmer Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 29 Central Street at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Murray, Director  
Leonard Sabourin, Chairman  
Rose Tyburski, Vice Chairman  
Kenneth Roberge, Secretary  
Elizabeth Kolbusz  
Christine Stockmal  
Dorothy Reinhardt  
Ursula St. Amand  
Nathan Sheldon  
Leo LeFebvre  
Andre Corbin

### REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The primary function of the Veterans' Services Department is to administer financial assistance to veterans and their dependents who qualify, in order to insure their procurement of life sustaining needs (i.e. food, clothing and shelter). The administration of these benefits is governed by the provisions set forth in Chapter 115 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as amended.

Other services provided by the office include:

assisting veterans and their dependents in filing for various benefits administered by the Veterans Administration;

conducting an extensive referral service utilizing various state, federal and private agencies in order to better serve the veteran;

performing the duties of Burial Agent and Graves Officer.

The Veterans' Services Department is not a branch of the Federal Veterans Administration, and although this office is able to answer questions dealing with V.A. benefits, as well as provide most V.A. forms, there are times when the veteran can be better served by contacting the Federal Veterans Administration directly. The V.A. provides a toll free number (1-800-392-6015) which connects the caller with the regional office in Boston. The closest local office of the V.A. is located on 101 State St. in Springfield (scheduled to be relocated to the new Federal Building on Main St.).

Because the position of the Veterans' Agent is part-time, I recommend calling before visiting the office in order to avoid appearing at a time not scheduled for office hours. The office is currently open:

Thursday	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Friday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	12:00 N - 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Sarrette  
Veterans' Agent



**PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL  
TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL  
ANNUAL REPORT—1983**

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the district. The Committee is pleased to note that the school has now been in existence for ten years.

In September 1983, Pathfinder, greeted 143 new students on opening day for the 1983-84 school year. They represented the towns of Belchertown, Brimfield, Chicopee, Granby, Hardwick, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, South Hadley, Ware, Warren, and West Brookfield. Total school enrollment was 502, including **60** from Belchertown, **97** from Monson, **16** from New Braintree, and **196** from Palmer. There were **133** from out-of-district.

The professional staff at the school remained stable and included **32** vocational teachers, **15** academic teachers, **2** guidance counselors, and **13** special needs personnel, including the staff which serves the substantially separate program. The administrative staff included the superintendent, two assistants, and directors of guidance and special education, respectively. The Committee believes that an exceptionally well qualified staff serves students of the district and gains strength as each school year passes.

Program development activities were highlighted by the introduction of computer assisted design into the machine drafting curriculum, and students now have access to both hardware and software representative of emerging technology in the field. The electronics department acquired three Heathkit Robots, all of which are completed and working as teaching aides in assembly, testing audio, mechanical, and robotic responses to computer commands.

Academic course offerings in mathematics and science were thoroughly examined and updated. This review resulted in the institution of several new courses: Consumer Mathematics, Industrial Mathematics, Environmental Science, and Accounting. Also approved was a new offering in computer science, now awaiting the arrival of 28 IBM personal computers. Beginning with the 1984-85 school year, all students will have the opportunity to take one semester of computer courses, and it is expected that computer applications will be included in every one of the vocational offerings.

Pathfinder was honored to be selected as the site of the state headquarters for the Future Farmers of America, the youth group devoted to leadership activities in vocational agriculture. Through an arrangement with the Department of Education, the state advisor/executive secretary is presently a member of the Pathfinder faculty and is based at the school.

Innovative approaches were also encouraged in several other areas. Of particular note were developments in social studies where grant monies sponsored additional exploration of the Holocaust, resulting in a course offering in that area. Outside speakers continued to contribute their resources for instruction in legal processes, and a mock trial was held in front of the entire school with all the realism of a district court room.

Teachers and administrators aggressively pursued federal and state grant monies which enabled the school to offer a number of activities not normally available. A total of \$271,183 was received in such monies throughout the year. The largest single award of vocational monies—\$37,850—provided an intervention support program involving



two vocational shops and several academic teachers. A second grant of \$34,670 equipped a trade assessment center for educational placement. This facility is presently located in St. Ann's School. Grants to the school's guidance program funded a career resource specialist, new career education materials, a new audio visual presentation for use with parents and students, and activities designed to facilitate student exploration into non-traditional career areas.

Federal and state monies were effectively utilized in the vocational areas as well. A job developer to work with students on cooperative education and placement was employed part-time. Additional equipment was purchased for both computer science and electronics, and, more recently, a project in the writing of competency-based, individualized curriculum was completed by teachers in the automotive repair shop.

State contracts awarded to the school in FY83 amounted to \$801,589 for the support of various educational programs associated with Belchertown State School and Monson Developmental Center. With the decline in population at these institutions, the size of these programs has diminished. Nevertheless, \$20,000 from combined sources was available to reduce the operating budget to member towns for the current fiscal year.

Pathfinder's special education programs served 139 students in prototypes 502.1 through 502.4. The substantially separate program (502.4) has increased from 23 pupils in 1981 to 44 in 1983. Five pupils completed the program and were presented with certificates of achievement in vocational training. Students from thirteen surrounding communities were enrolled. The percentage of students receiving psychological services rose from 7 to 11, and the percentage of those receiving speech and language assistance from 5 to 6.

The afternoon program continued to service students of varying abilities and needs. Instruction was offered in machine, carpentry, culinary arts, and automotive mechanics. For some students, this opportunity was an integral part of their educational program; for others, it was an excellent chance to acquire entry-level job skills or to gain access to full-time enrollment in the school.

Springfield Technical Community College continued to utilize the building to bring course offerings closer to residents of the district. The computer center has been in almost constant use as a result of this cooperative venture between the college and the school. Another educational opportunity for adults is expected to be under way shortly as the result of a \$33,130 grant to Pathfinder from the Division of Occupational Education in the area of word-processing.

The school committee adopted an operating and maintenance budget of \$2,057,168 for FY1984. With the uncertainties which surrounded regional school finances early in budget development, the committee predicted a decrease in state aid as well as in special projects overhead. Resulting assessments to member communities were as follows: Belchertown, \$189,611; Monson, \$308,118; New Braintree, \$29,574; and Palmer, \$521,430. All four town meetings approved these assessments with the promise of additional state aid in the summer. Fortunately, increased Chapter 70 monies to the district amounted to \$230,499, and the actual cost to the towns was reduced to Belchertown, \$144,578; Monson, \$222,114; New Braintree, \$25,451; and Palmer, \$426,092. The school committee is pleased to report that Pathfinder officials remained active in the struggle to obtain additional funding for regional school districts.

At graduation ceremonies in June 1983, School Committee Chairman Marceline B. Matrow presented diplomas and certificates to 100 students in 11 vocational areas.



Sixty-seven percent of the students found employment directly or entered higher education. Eight percent selected military service and 25% were seeking employment. The 19 students who chose to further their education reflect an increased emphasis on high technology fields most of which require advanced training.

Respectfully submitted,

Marceline B. Matrow, Monson  
Chairman

George R. Harrell, Belchertown

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer

Floyd D. Romanik, Jr., Palmer

Geraldine A. Reavey, New Braintree

Gerald L. Paist,

Superintendent-Director



## SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1983-1984

Robert S. Dupuis, Chairman  
Carol B. Roy, Vice Chairperson  
David M. Droz, Secretary

Joseph S. Romanik	Term expires 1984
Carol B. Roy	Term expires 1984
David M. Droz	Term expires 1985
Robert S. Dupuis	Term expires 1986
James R. Longtine	Term expires 1986

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at 7:00 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month.

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### BUDGET COMPARISON

	1982-1983	1983-1984	1984-1985
1000 Administration	\$ 98,747.60	\$ 106,802.56	\$ 109,294.66
2000 Instruction	2,670,227.67	2,828,196.34	3,046,786.35
3000 Other School Services	348,666.33	341,468.60	377,918.20
4000 Operation & Maintenance of Plant	440,712.21	432,537.84	475,859.16
5000 Fixed Charges	122,863.96	164,643.01	185,941.71
6000 Community Services	0.00	15,007.60	15,007.60
7300 Acquisition of Equipment	3,961.00	17,210.00	7,311.00
7400 Replacement of Equipment	11,129.23	18,630.05	44,656.30
9000 Trade & Adult Evening School Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
9100 Tuition	106,183.00	128,947.00	218,601.00
Federal Matching Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
9100 Surplus Property	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<hr/> \$3,802,491.00	<hr/> \$4,053,443.00	<hr/> \$4,481,375.98

NOTE: 1. This budget reflects raises for Teachers and Administrators only.  
2. Represents total budget requested without reflecting any cuts by the School Committee.

### ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

To the School Committee of the Town of Palmer:

It is a pleasure to submit this, my tenth and final annual report as Superintendent of the Palmer Public Schools, for I shall be retiring July 1, 1984. This report will use the format introduced nine years ago, for we continue to organize our efforts at improvement through focusing upon specific annual objectives for the entire system. These were initially developed by the Superintendent and then revised after review by the Administrative Council, all members of the staff, and the School Committee before final adoption. For the most part this section of the annual report will reflect our progress to date in implementing the objectives rather than final outcomes.

#### Curriculum and Instruction

1. Continue to review, revise, and evaluate on a K-12 basis the following curricula: music, English, science, mathematics, foreign languages, health, physical education, social studies, and reading.

Staff volunteers are working as committees in all of the above areas this year.



The music curriculum will be completed and submitted to the Superintendent no later than January 31, 1984.

The English Committee has established writing units at the high school level in cooperation with the science, health, and English Departments. Work is also continuing on reading objectives. The committee further reports that no formal K-12 meetings have been held this year but notes the need for increased communications at all levels, especially as a follow-up to the completion and implementation of the writing unit, and to this end the committee recommends that a language arts coordinator be appointed at the elementary school level. The Superintendent feels that initiating articulation sessions between the elementary and high school levels and other levels of the system such as he initiated early in his superintendency may once again be part of the answer. This will be discussed with the Administrative Council.

At the high school level Mr. Cornwell reports the computer program designed as remedial work for students in the IPS program has been implemented, but a major obstacle is the full freshman schedule, preventing most students from using the computers during school hours. At the elementary school level the Science Committee is in the process of reviewing textbooks and will have three selected for more intensive review after the middle of January. The committee determined last year that we needed to update our science textbooks, most of which are ten or eleven years old and must be replaced at any rate. We will continue to deal with life sciences at the seventh grade level and physical science at the eighth grade level.

The Mathematics Committee expects to complete its work by the end of January but notes that the objectives for the entire mathematics curriculum should be reviewed once again because of the increased use and planned use of computers at both the elementary and secondary levels since the original objectives were developed. The committee plans to do this during the spring.

The Foreign Language Curriculum Committee met twice last spring and twice this fall with a curriculum consultant, and the committee has so far developed a rationale and is in the process of developing concepts and general objectives. The Superintendent feels that more intensive work by this committee is necessary, and he plans to be present, if possible, at the next meeting of the committee.

The sophomore health curriculum developed last year is being implemented and will be evaluated by the end of this school year. Our health programs at various levels in the elementary school as well as at the high school may need some review when recommendations are developed by the newly formed Advisory Committee on Drug Education, which involves staff and members of the community and which was formed through the efforts of the High School Principal and some high school staff members at the suggestion of the Superintendent.

After a hiatus of two years volunteers from the physical education staff have agreed to continue the important work of developing a K-12 physical education curriculum. The Superintendent has obtained the services of our curriculum consultant, Dr. Sinclair, to work with this committee, which is being co-chaired this year by Mr. Rinaldi and Mrs. Fountain. Two meetings have already been set for January 9 and 23 to initiate this work.

The Social Studies Committee at the elementary school level is helping to implement the use of a new series of texts from Ginn and Company in grades 5, 6, and 7 and a new series from Riverside Press in grade 8. As part of this process a workshop for staff was held November 9, 1983, headed by William Reiss of Ginn and Company. The committee recommends that a fourth grade social studies text should be adopted as soon as feasible to complete the updating of this subject throughout the



elementary schools. Miss Fogarty, Head of the Department at the high school level, indicates that the major change needed for the high school program is to require a third year rather than having the third year as an elective.

The elementary Reading Committee has completed circulating seven basal reading series to all teachers of grades 4 through 8 and has completed a survey of such teachers. Questions posed by the staff will be presented to the various companies for responses sometime during January and early February, with the exception that a recommendation for an adoption will be made to the Superintendent and the School Committee shortly thereafter.

2. Review and evaluate the Cooperative Work/Study Program.

Twenty-two students are enrolled in the Work/Study Program this year — 19 in the first year and 3 in the second. Twenty of the students are employed at 15 different job sites, the remaining two planning to work during the spring semester.

3. Evaluate our Career Information and Guidance Center.

All seniors have participated in a week-long workshop consisting of writing a resume and autobiographical sketch, and reviewing all potential financial assistance. The last two items were initiated this year because more colleges are requiring the autobiography and because the cost of the college education is rising so fast. Students in the Modern Biology class have utilized CIGC resources to write a term paper on a selected career in the biological sciences. The Career Information and Guidance Center (CIGC) has scheduled the computer bus from the Hampden Manpower Consortium four times this year. This provides an opportunity for many students to use this resource during their study halls, while those students in Career Exploration (typing class), data processing, and word processing were scheduled to use this resource. The computer bus not only provides opportunities to review and discuss careers in computers but also provides a series of programs such as word processing, data base management, basic repair and troubleshooting of microcomputers, etc.

4. Review and evaluate the Eighth and Ninth Grade Career Exploration Programs.

Our Career Guidance Counselor has met with all eighth grade classes, emphasizing the career opportunities to be available in the late 1980's. Discussions included information on education and/or training required for various occupations. The Ninth Grade Career Exploration Program in business and health continues as in past years. A pretest of knowledge of business-related occupations was given to students early in the program, and the results will be matched with posttest data at the end of the program.

5. Continue our Academically Talented Program for selected students in grades 6, 7, and 8; and evaluate its effectiveness.

Twenty-three students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are participating in our Academically Talented Program (INSIGHTS). Three major areas are planned for this year as follows: Participation in the Junior Great Books Program, Creative Writing, and Involvement in the Statewide Future Problem Solving Program. INSIGHTS still utilizes a three-year cycle — one year focusing upon mathematics and science, the next year upon social sciences, and the third (as this year) on the language arts.

6. Continue to review, revise, and evaluate our Special Education program as required by Chapter 766.

In spite of a great deal of in- and outmigration so far this year our numbers in Special Education reflect an increase of two. Last year's total was 243, and net immigration was considerably larger. The computer purchased with federal funds for use with Special Needs youngsters is providing an English curriculum for a physically handicapped student, plus some skilled reinforcement programs for other students in our Resource Room at Thorndike Street School. The Superintendent is pleased to



report that required time lines from the referral process to actual placement of youngsters in need of special services are being met. He is also pleased to note that we are having fewer rejections by parents of individual education plans, with only one this year having to go through mediation, with the result that parents have agreed to sign the educational plan.

7. Continue to assess achievement test results at all levels, and suggest revisions in methodology and/or curricula where needed.

As in past years, our Iowa Tests of Basic Skills continue to reveal exceptional achievement at both the 3rd and 5th grade levels. The 1983 composite score for the entire system at the 3rd grade level was the 94th percentile, indicating that our 3rd grade students generally scored higher than 93 percent of those 3rd grade students using this test throughout the nation. The subheading of Language at the 98th percentile and Mathematics at the 95th percentile were highlights. Grade 5 testing showed a composite score at the 88th percentile, with the highest subscore being mathematics at the 90th percentile.

The SAT results for the Class of 1983 (the latest to be reported) indicate a mean score of 428 in the Verbal area compared to a national score of 425 and a Massachusetts score of 427. In the area of Mathematics Palmer's mean score was 468, the same as the national mean average, and 5 points above the Massachusetts average of 463. This means that Palmer not only moved up in SAT scores a year ago but has generally maintained its relative position for 1983.

8. Review and evaluate the reading and study skills program for the high school.

Our reading and study Skills instructor is currently working with 23 students. At the suggestion of the Superintendent formalized testing in reading has been instituted this year to improve identification of weaknesses and to design individual instructional programs. This testing will also aid in the evaluation of progress for each of the students and thus evaluation of the program as a whole. Scheduling this year has been improved through early communication from the elementary school level to the high school level and through actual scheduling of the class as opposed to utilizing a study period as an option.

9. Review and evaluate our program of basic skills in reading, writing, mathematics, and listening.

There are no changes planned in our testing procedures for this year — that is, we will continue to test in reading, writing, mathematics, and listening, as last year. Results of last spring's testing follow: of 161 tested in reading at the seventh grade, 5 failed, or 97% passed; of 161 tested in mathematics at the same level, 5 failed, or 97% passed; of 162 tested in writing at the eighth grade, 17 failed, or 89.5% passed; of 170 tested in basic listening skills at the eighth grade, no one failed, utilizing a standard of 14 out of 22.

10. Assess inservice needs, and develop programs relative thereto.

In addition to the inservice program held for elementary school staff by a Ginn and Company representative to help in the implementation of the Ginn series in social studies, we are planning to hold an inservice program in computer use this spring for elementary school staff. Mr. Quesnel has volunteered to develop a proposal to obtain state funds for this purpose as we did last year. Meanwhile, some staff at the elementary school level are being inserviced by other staff who attended last year's program.

11. Increase and improve all types of writing in all schools.

As earlier noted under our English curriculum report, the English Department has cooperated with other departments to help improve and evaluate student writing. Common assignments for all students have ranged from book reviews, term papers, essays, projects, and written observation reports in science to creative writing. In addition the Head of the English Department reports that all staff members have been



encouraged to increase student writing and improve the evaluation of such writing. At the elementary school level the writing unit developed by the English Curriculum Committee is being implemented. Other improvement efforts are reported by Dr. Laviolette, in which his fourth grade students have been involved in writing to students in Maryland and North Dakota, and in grades 5 to 8 a pilot program two days a week deals specifically with writing and writing skills. Mr. Nicholas reports that teachers in areas other than language arts are emphasizing the need for students to use complete sentences in answering questions. Different grade levels are utilizing different approaches — for example, fourth and fifth grade students are developing reports and stories related to holidays, and one fourth grade has children keeping a diary of daily happenings. Some upper grade levels are utilizing a cumulative writing folder so that progress can be charted and recognized. Mr. Nicholas also reports that teachers find the new Warriner's English book very good, with the writing unit for grades 7 and 8 being used for narrative and expository writing as well as for paragraph development. The Superintendent hopes that our basic skills testing and writing in the eighth grade this spring will reflect some of the activities initiated to improve writing at the elementary school level.

12. Review recent national reports on education to determine which recommendations, if any, should be implemented in the Palmer Public Schools.

The School Committee, administrators, and teachers have been provided copies of **A Nation At Risk**, and staff reports have been made to the Superintendent following such review by the staff. The School Committee and administrators, as well as Department Heads, are being given copies of the Carnegie report on secondary education for review. In addition to these groups a community Advisory Committee to review these reports and possible digests of other reports is being organized at the suggestion of the Superintendent to provide its input and recommendations concerning this objective. Palmer has already implemented some of the recommendations in some of the reports well in advance of their publication — e.g., two years ago we increased both science and mathematics requirements at the high school and increased the required credits for graduation from 17 to 20. We have also introduced computer awareness at the elementary school levels in the past two years, and all incoming freshmen in Palmer High School next year will be provided instruction in keyboarding skills on the computer. In scheduling for 1984-85 guidance counselors are attempting to program students so that all of them will have three years of mathematics and science at their level by the end of 1986. We already have two years of social studies required, with an optional third year which includes such courses as Research in American Democracy, Psychology, and Law, of which the latter two have been heavily enrolled in the past two years.

## ADMINISTRATION

1. Update and review with administration and School Committee our enrollment projections for the next ten years, assessing space and staff needs accordingly.

An updated ten-year enrollment projection has been developed and reviewed by the Administrative Council and given to the School Committee for its perusal. Administration will continue to review and update this report prior to final budget approval by the School Committee in order to determine space and staff needs for the next school year. Projected enrollments continue to show a decline for the next several years, although the increase in live births last year and this year will initiate an enrollment increase at the elementary school level in a few years — as predicted nationwide by demographers some years ago. Declines at the high school level will continue until sometime in the 1990's unless major immigration occurs.

2. Continue to assess the value of our present inschool suspension program in relation to its deterrent force (including counseling), its cost in terms of teachers, its use of classroom space, etc.



The High School Principal reports a total of 26 suspensions through December, 8 of which are accounted for by 4 students. In spite of our policy of no smoking, 15 of the inschool suspensions are for this reason, although this is a decrease from past years. Maintaining the suspension room within the High School Principal's office continues to save classroom space and provide for better supervision and probably some decrease in the repetition of the offense by some students. As a result, the High School Principal feels that the program is working well and should continue, as does the Superintendent.

3. Continue to review with administration and School Committee ways and means by which to obtain the most return for each of our educational dollars.

Use of state contracts and bidding procedures where state contracts do not exist or where we feel we may get a better bid even below a state contract have saved the Palmer Public Schools many dollars this past year. The Superintendent continues to negotiate, even with the low bidder at times, to obtain an even better price. He has also negotiated for replacement of some computer equipment stolen from the school, the total of which amounts to less than \$2,000. We continue to use Hampden County contracts, when these will result in savings over any bids we may get or any state contract bids. In one instance where we received only one bid and the Superintendent felt that such a bid was high and recommended rebidding, we did indeed rebid and obtained several bids, of which most were far lower than received in the original bid opening.

4. Continue to review and implement measures to reduce our consumption of energy, emphasizing the need for all staff and students to be involved in this effort.

Conservation of energy continues to be a high priority in the Palmer system, being emphasized by the Superintendent through his review of periodic energy use reports. Being a charter member of the Springfield Regional Cooperative for fuel oil bidding and gasoline bidding for bus transportation has enabled Palmer to save thousands of dollars over the past few years. The Superintendent was disappointed in the results of a comparison of fuel usage for July 1, 1983, through December 29, 1983, compared to a similar period last year, which revealed an **increase** in use of oil in all schools except the high school, taking into account the increase in degree days this year as compared to last year. The energy management system at the high school is doing its job, showing a savings of 787.6 gallons as compared to last year. Three Rivers and Bondsville showed an increase of over 417 and 338, respectively, with smaller increases for each of the other schools. Part of the increase at Three Rivers can be attributed to the installation of new windows during December, which was extremely cold this year, but not more than 150 gallons could be attributed to this cause. The principals have been informed once again that in the final analysis people operations determine whether the actual energy retrofitting which we have accomplished over the past many years will continue to result in the full savings expected.

It is natural to assume that with all schools but one now retrofitted with windows, doors, and added insulation changes in the status from year to year will not be as great as in past years. At this point it is helpful to compare our energy usage in 1974-75 with 1982-83 when those buildings such as St. Ann and St. Thomas are eliminated from comparison and other changes — such as the reduction in use of the portables — are taken into account, as well as the difference in degree days for these years. On this basis a total of 108,021 gallons (corrected for degree days) was used in 1974-75 compared to a total of 59,447 gallons in 1982-83, a savings of 48,574 gallons for 1982-83. Based upon an average cost of 83 cents per gallon for 1982-83, this means we saved a total of \$40,316. in 1982-83. Comparing the same two years for kilowatt hours of electricity used, we find a total of 620,404 kilowatt hours used in 1974-75 compared to 421,296 in 1982-83. This is a savings of 199,108 kilowatt hours in 1982-83, which reflects a savings of \$22,433. It is obvious that our energy conservation program over the past nine years has been worthwhile and will continue to save our educational dollars in the years ahead.



We also continue to emphasize energy conservation at various grade levels through both science and social studies, as well as some language arts programs.

5. Maintain student attendance at 95 percent or better where achieved last year, and seek a 95 percent or better attendance at the high school.

Following is a comparison of student attendance by school through December, 1983, compared to a comparable period for 1982:

School	1983	1982
Palmer High School	95.50%	94.25%
Thorndike Street	96.47	95.91
Park Street	95.74	95.21
	(Incl.K)	(Incl.K)
Quabaug	95.22	95.53
Three Rivers	95.13*	95.69
Thorndike	95.63	96.22
Bondsville	94.48**	96.10
	(Incl.K)	(Incl.K)

\*One student would not attend school — absent 58 days out of 60; home permit granted at direction of court.

\*\*Two students out nearly a month due to automobile accidents and 2 in hospital with lengthy illnesses.

6. Continue to seek means by which to improve staff attendance, both collectively and individually.

Following is a comparison of teacher attendance by school through December 1983, compared to a comparable period for 1982:

School	1983	1982
Palmer High School	98.40%	97.00**
Thorndike Street	94.44*	98.30
Park Street	96.39	96.25
Quabaug	99.58	97.53
Three Rivers	97.56	96.53
Thorndike	96.60	94.31
Bondsville	97.36	94.89

\*One teacher out 17½ days due to accident.

\*\*Two surgeries.

7. Review and implement measures to reduce our consumption of water, emphasizing the critical role that clean water will play by the year 2000 and beyond.

All students at the high school are required to take science, and the content of all the science courses include conservation of our natural resources, of which water is an important part. A number of high school students are part of a team monitoring and testing local bodies of water for acid rain, part of a major American-Canadian effort. In addition to this we should stress the need to conserve water in the high school building, insuring that taps are turned off and are not allowed to run excessively during any wash period. This effort should include all staff as well as students. Mr. Nicholas reports that teachers are stressing and reminding students to shut off water taps and not to use excessive amounts in washing. Custodians also check to insure that water taps and toilets are not leaking and wasting water. Mr. Nicholas also notes that we have units in social studies and science stressing conservation of natural resources. Dr. Laviolette reports that this topic was discussed at his first teachers' meeting and is a building goal and that each teacher is required to discuss it with the students.



## COMMUNITY-SCHOOL RELATIONS

1. Review ways to improve community-school relations, especially relative to improving the flow of information concerning programs and activities of the schools.

News releases from the Superintendent's office, the high school, and some of our elementary schools have publicized a number of student activities and programs. Issues of **School Times** highlight both student and staff activities as well as some actions of the School Committee. Media representatives report both regular and special meetings of the School Committee, thus providing an additional channel of information to the community. Newsletters and other communications to parents have also been part of our information efforts. The High School Principal reports that the student newspaper, **The Panther**, has been revitalized and will publish its first edition shortly. Open House at the elementary schools and Back-to-School Night at Palmer High School brought 1,842 parents/guardians to the schools and provided them an opportunity to meet with staff and view exhibits of their children's work during American Education Week. Other public affairs — such as Senior Park Dedication, musical performances, plays, induction of Pro Merito students, and art exhibits — brought the community to the schools, and vice versa.

2. Review and evaluate the use of resource personnel in the schools.

Community representatives from business, the professions, the armed forces, and other areas continue to offer insights to our students on careers through the aegis of the Career Information and Guidance Center. The elementary schools also use resource personnel to provide information and programs concerning special events such as Veterans' Day and utilize such personnel to expand and enrich our school programs in various subject areas.

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The Superintendent would like to take this opportunity to commend those many dedicated staff members who have contributed their time and talents beyond the normal day in furthering our efforts to improve our schools and our programs and to work with individual students. The Superintendent is pleased to recognize officially the contributions of the Administrative Council working cooperatively with the Superintendent throughout the year. As usual, the work of Mrs. Matera, Cafeteria Manager, and Mr. McKee, Director of Maintenance and Operations, has been of major aid to the Superintendent in carrying out responsibilities in their respective areas. And finally to those members of Central Office staff — namely, Miss Mohamed, Mrs. Oliveira, Mrs. Calkins, and Mrs. Kukulka — the Superintendent offers his sincere thanks for their dedication and energy in helping him to carry out a multitudinous number of duties which would otherwise be impossible. The year ahead will require even greater efforts by all, if that is possible.

In spite of the fact that Proposition 2½ is still with us and continues to have some negative impact on budget preparation, we are at least fortunate that those voting at the Town Meeting for appropriations for 1983-84 approved the reduced budget requested by the School Committee rather than the **further** reduced budget recommended by the Finance Committee. Even so, over \$122,000 was cut from the original proposed budget prepared by the principals and Director of Special Education for submission to the Superintendent. Staff cuts were made in part because of declining enrollments and actual student registrations at the high school.

We must not lose sight of our major responsibility to continue to provide quality education, and this means providing education in the 1980's which will enable our students to function well in the 1990's and beyond. It is our hope that the many national reports on education published recently, and, even more importantly, the report of the Joint Committee on Education of the Massachusetts legislature, will result in renewed support and improvement of education in The Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,  
William J. Nelligan, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools



**REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR**  
**Fiscal Year July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983**

**Account of 1979**

Outstanding July 1, 1982	\$5,158.98	
Interest	<u>96.86</u>	
		\$5,255.84
Paid Treasurer	402.94	
Abatements	<u>4,852.90</u>	
		<u>\$5,255.84</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1983		—0—

**Account of 1980**

Outstanding July 1, 1982	\$8,072.70	
Real Estate taxes		
abated after payment	350.72	
Interest	<u>364.03</u>	
		\$8,787.45
Paid Treasurer	1,816.34	
Abatements	<u>403.52</u>	
		<u>2,219.86</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1983		\$6,567.59

**Account of 1981**

Outstanding July 1, 1982	\$43,508.74	
Additional Assessor's Warrants		
to be collected	8.75	
Motor Vehicle excise taxes		
abated after payment	52.56	
Real Estate taxes		
abated after payment	361.68	
Interest	<u>3,811.36</u>	
		\$47,743.09
Paid Treasurer	22,492.21	
Abatements	737.38	
Tax Title	<u>3,442.70</u>	
		<u>26,672.29</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1983		\$21,070.80

**Account of 1982**

Outstanding July 1, 1982	\$185,276.92	
Additional Assessor's Warrants		
to be collected	53,208.02	
Motor Vehicle excise taxes		
abated after payment	2,208.84	
Real Estate taxes		
abated after payment	465.89	
Interest	<u>12,377.53</u>	
		\$253,537.20



Paid Treasurer	193,695.52	
Abatements	6,522.93	
Tax Title	<u>4,750.84</u>	
		204,969.29
Outstanding June 30, 1983		\$ 48,567.91

#### Account of 1983

Assessor's Warrants to be collected	\$4,002,538.66	
Motor Vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	720.84	
Interest	<u>2,541.62</u>	
		\$4,005,801.12
Paid Treasurer	1,911,265.33	
Abatements	97,564.29	
Subsequent Taxes	<u>9,608.04</u>	
		2,018,437.66
Outstanding June 30, 1983		\$1,987,363.46
Trailer Coach Fees		
Received from July 1, 1982- June 30, 1983		\$10,920.00
Paid Treasurer		\$10,920.00

#### Sewer User Charge

#### Account of 1981

Outstanding July 1, 1982	\$4,860.00	
Sewer User Charge abated after payment	960.00	
Interest	<u>617.00</u>	
		\$6,437.00
Paid Treasurer	2,417.00	
Abatements	1,080.00	
Added to Tax Title	<u>180.00</u>	
		3,677.00
Outstanding June 30, 1983		\$2,760.00

#### Account of 1982

Outstanding July 1, 1982	\$49,652.43	
Additional Warrants to be collected	9,289.43	
Sewer User Charge abated after payment	1,610.00	
Interest	<u>1,324.53</u>	
		\$61,876.39
Paid Treasurer	43,326.39	
Abatements	2,520.00	
Added to Tax Title	<u>280.00</u>	
		46,126.39
Outstanding June 30, 1983		\$15,750.00



### Account of 1983

Warrants to be collected	\$405,839.79	
Sewer User Charge		
abated after payment	700.00	
Interest	<u>224.00</u>	
		\$406,763.79
 Paid Treasurer	 369,661.79	
Abatements	<u>5,390.00</u>	
		<u>375,051.79</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1983		\$ 31,712.00

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Dranka  
Tax Collector



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  
**Fiscal Year 1983**

**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**

**LOCAL EXPENDITURES:**

Appropriations	\$7,631,202.24	
Total Offsets (Cherry Sheet)	49,327.00	
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission	<u>1,708.35</u>	
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES		\$7,682,237.59
State & County Assessments	\$ 310,501.16	
Overlay Reserve	<u>119,561.79</u>	
TOTAL STATE, COUNTY & OVERLAY		\$ 430,062.95
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		\$8,112,300.54

**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS**

Total Estimated Receipts		
From The State	\$2,701,776.00	
Prior Year Overestimates	2,636.24	
Local Estimated Receipts	1,078,513.00	
Free Cash	226,937.24	
Other Available Funds	8,194.50	
Revenue Sharing	<u>280,000.00</u>	
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS		\$4,298,056.98
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		\$3,814,243.56

Real Property Valuations	\$112,645,033.00
Personal Property Valuations	<u>8,442,064.00</u>
Total Property Valuations	\$121,087,097.00

SCHOOL TAX RATE	\$17.55
GENERAL TAX RATE	<u>13.95</u>
TOTAL TAX RATE	\$31.50 per M

Respectfully submitted,

Alvin C. Rondeau, Chairman  
Stanley J. Swiatlowski  
Anthony Oliveira  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS



# QUABOAG VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Palmer-1983

The total number of families visited during 1983 was 268 (two hundred and sixty eight).

## Statistical Report for 1983:

### I. Home Visits:

Nursing	6,831	
Physical Therapy	574	
Speech Therapy	17	
Homemaker/Health Aides	7,544	- 120 patients-14,298¼ hrs.
Maternal & Child Care	10	

### II. Communicable Disease:

Follow-up and investigation	28
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### III. Health Screening Clinics:

6 (six) clinics funded by Home Care Corporation were held in Palmer.

Number of elderly screened:	88	(unduplicated) 328 visits
Number of follow-ups:	4	

### IV. Title III Grant:

Number of elderly serviced	21
Homemaker/Homehealth Aide hrs.	983½
Number of nursing visits	74

Respectfully submitted

Mary Holland, R.N., B.S.  
Director



## REPORT OF THE PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1983 started with an endeavor by the PRA to develop an "Option to Purchase" Agreement with Mr. Julius Impellizzeri, Clairmont, N.H., representing Elmendorf Corp., through our Marketing Group, Westmass Development Corp. The purpose, their desire to purchase the total acreage in the Industrial Park for \$750,000.00.

On March 18, the PRA signed this "Option to Purchase" Agreement and took a \$10,000.00 deposit, subject to the signing of a Sales Agreement.

Mr. Impellizzeri directed his Lawyer John Biggs of the Globalvest Group, Greenwich, Conn., to develop a satisfactory Sales Agreement with the PRA, to be executed no later than May 16, 1983.

Conditions to be resolved:

1. Amend the Urban Renewal Section 2, B, 1, to include a "Wood Chipping Facility" and a Composite Board Manufacturing Facility.
2. PRA obtain a waiver from Lasercomb Corp., to hold Elmendorf harmless from any damages as a result of any damage pertaining to the purchase terms.
3. PRA to obtain clarification of section 302 of the Land Disposition Agreement, which by specific language incorporates all restrictions. These restrictions must be removed, in case future investors or Financial Lending Institutions might not accept the exceptions of the matters contained in Paragraph 3-D 2 of the contract.

This meant the PRA must obtain waivers from the Town of Palmer, Massachusetts Economic and Development, EDA, and previous owner J. B. Williams.

The development of a satisfactory Sales Agreement was a slow and frustrating experience. Demands and changing needs continued to arise on both sides. The deadline of May 16th arrived, with no signed Agreement, and no definite date, when this would be possible, as much technical and necessary information on this type of Manufacturing Facility as to environmental requirements in Massachusetts was not readily available.

Mr. Impellizzeri requested the return of his \$10,000.00 deposit. On May 19, the PRA voted to return the deposit through Westmass Development.

In March, the PRA voted to give a small tract of land containing .47 Acres to the Bondsville Fire & Water District, which they subsequently rejected.

The PRA voted to give a gift of land to the Town, for use by the Park Dept., for recreation purposes only. No action so far on this proposal.

Valley Opportunity Council was granted permission to use the PRA Office to June. Invited to apply in September for this year, if needed, to serve the needs of our local community and surrounding towns.

Again this year the Dept. of Community Affairs sent their "Annual Payment" of \$85,117.85 as the State's share in the development of the Industrial Park.

The Spillway at the Bondsville Canal showed a need for reinforcing due to a leak in the retaining wall. Was Brothers of Ware was low bidder on this project and completed the repair work and reseeded the area, at a cost of \$2250.00. This was at no cost to the Town of Palmer.



In August, PRA officials toured the Lasercomb Plant and were pleased with the type of "Hi-Tech Projects" involved and the opportunities for our young people. This Industry is a real asset to our Community, and an area Pathfinder Vocational should be involved in the future.

PRA renewed its Marketing Contract with Westmass for another year, as we are pleased with their marketing efforts. Mr. Ray Warren is our new Marketing Director, and is very professional and knowledgeable in this area.

In August, Mr. Kirk Bryant of Quaboag Transfer discussed a proposal to purchase some acreage in the Park and left a \$5,000.00 deposit. His proposal was to buy lots 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 at \$8190.00 Per Acre and take an option on 2, 7, 8, 9, 10. After a lengthy discussion the PRA moved and voted to reject this offer.

At this time the PRA was faced with a decision, to either reject further negotiations with Quaboag Transfer, or to revise our basic concept of all Manufacturing in the Park, or to consider a change to a new direction, as outlined at the Western Massachusetts Economic Forecast as prepared in September 1983.

This study indicated that 90% of this region's job growth would be in the Non-Manufacturing Sector. Actually, only 784 acres of Manufacturing space in the 4 Counties of Western Mass were necessary through 1996. Applying a standard square foot, per manufacturing employee formula, this job growth represents a demand of 102 Acres.

Based on this, the PRA voted on August 27, to rezone and lay out specified clustered acreage of 65 acres for Manufacturing and 40 acres for non-manufacturing purposes. This arrangement would be compatible to our Park, due to its contour and design.

Following this decision, the PRA resumed negotiations with Quaboag Transfer. After a series of meetings, worked out and completed a satisfactory "Sales Agreement". The PRA moved and voted on November 9th to sign an agreement to sell certain lots in the Park to Quaboag Transfer.

Quaboag Transfer agreed to purchase Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 6R at \$8190.00 Per Acre and take a 12 month option at the same acre price, Lots 7R, 8R, and part of Lot 9. Each to be purchased in numerical order with proper screening.

The PRA also voted and decided to seek a permanent change in the Urban Renewal Plan to include warehousing. This change offers more flexibility in the Marketing of the Park. This change is to take place whether the sale to Quaboag Transfer materializes or not.

Our Legal Counsel prepared the Urban Renewal Change necessary to allow Warehousing in the Park, this Amendment stated,

1. By adding to Section 2,B,1, a new subsection labelled (E)—Warehousing, storage and transfer of lumber or steel and such other building material as the PRA shall have first approved in writing.
2. By adding to Section 2,B,1, additional wording as part of and at end of the sentence immediately preceding heading entitled "Public Open Space" as follows: provided, however, that there shall be permitted warehousing, storage and transfer of lumber and steel and such other building materials as the PRA shall have first approved in writing.

The PRA moved and voted that this modification Amendment to the Urban Renewal



Plan would not substantially change the Urban Renewal Plan, and therefore constituted a Minor Change rather than a Major Change, in the development of the Park.

Under Section (D) of the present Urban Renewal Plan of 1972, that is part of the Park now it allows: Uses accessory to the primary uses including warehousing, Freight Depot, off street parking, off street loading, and other uses which are clearly incidental to the primary uses and meet the performance standards of the primary uses.

The PRA requested the Mass Community and Development, to determine and declare that the modification contained in this Amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan as set forth, will not substantially change the Urban Renewal Plan and approve said Amendment.

On December 15, the PRA received a letter from the State, finding in their analysis that the Proposed Amendment is under study and a final decision would be forthcoming in a short period of time.

As the year draws to a close, the PRA is more determined than ever to push forward to accomplish this change in the Urban Renewal Plan that is so vital to the development of this Park.

We look forward to cooperating with Mass Community and Development, Board of Selectmen, and other officials of the Community, to bring added sales to the Industrial Park. If successful this will affect the whole Community, by developing jobs and broadening our tax base.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil M. McDonald  
Mary C. Krawiec (Vice Chairman)  
Richard C. Taylor (Secretary)  
Leonard J. Sabourin  
Thomas W. Haley (Treasurer)



## REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

During the calendar year 1983, 43 Plumbing Permits were issued and the following inspections were made:

23 New Homes	23 Rough
	23 Finish
7 Commercial Buildings	5 Rough
	7 Finish
11 Renovations	9 Rough
	11 Finish
2 Sewer Connections	2 Finish

For a total of 80 inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Normoyle  
Plumbing Inspector



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Palmer Board of Health herewith submits this report for the calendar year ending December 31, 1983.

On the dates shown herewith, Immunization Clinics were held by the Board of Health in 1983 for the following communicable diseases:

MMR-Poliomyelitis-DTP and TD	February 5, 1983
MMR-Poliomyelitis-DTP and TD	April 2, 1983
MMR-Poliomyelitis-DTP and TD	June 4, 1983
MMR-Poliomyelitis-DTP and TD	August 13, 1983
MMR-Poliomyelitis-DTP and TD	October 15, 1983
MMR-Poliomyelitis-DTP and TD	December 10, 1983

Flu Clinic for Elderly	October 29, 1983
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Dog Rabies Clinic	April 23, 1983
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### Reportable Diseases:

Animal Bites	46
Chicken Pox	26
Gonorrhea	2
Hepatitis	2
Salmonellosis	3
Streptococcal Infections	163
Meningitis	1
Syphilis	1
Tuberculosis	1

### Deaths reported during 1983:

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
0 to 10 years	0	0	0
11 to 20 years	0	0	0
21 to 30 years	1	0	1
31 to 40 years	0	0	0
41 to 50 years	2	1	3
51 to 60 years	4	4	8
61 to 70 years	11	10	21
71 to 80 years	20	13	33
81 to 90 years	6	21	27
91 to 100 years	5	9	14
	49	58	107

### RECEIPTS

Plumbing	\$1,026.00
Septic Tank, Perc Tests	700.00
Inspection of Sewage Systems	20.00
Disposal Works Installers	150.00
Removal of Garbage	20.00
Retail Food Establishment	125.00
Food Service Establishment	210.00
Frozen Desserts	80.00



Trailer Park	10.00
Motel	10.00
Funeral Directors	30.00
Camp	<u>30.00</u>
	\$2,411.00

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick J. Lis, Chairman  
Maurice R. LePage, D.S.C.  
Rose C. Tyburski



**JURY LIST**  
**1982 - 1983**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Prec.</b>
Outhuse, David	197 Flynt St.	A
Zerdecki, Stella H.	77 Main St.	C
LaVallie, Carole A.	63 Buckland St.	A
McClosky, Theodore F.	560 High	B
Abare, Kenneth	off LaRiviere	C
Carrabba, Sharon	28 Beech St.	A
Kroll, Rudolph S.	61 Main St.	B
Poirier, Annette	Meadow Lane	C
Vernon, John A.	32 Smith St.	A
Lamb, Sherry A.	12 Dublin St.	A
Krystofik, Stanley	99 Woodland Heights	A
Partlow, Laurie A.	246 Park St.	A
Wood, William R.	400 Park St.	A
Olearczyk, John	78 Palmer St.	C
Mason, Debra A.	River St.	B
Rollet, Ann M.	116 Calkins St.	C
McKee, Dean A.	95 Main St.	C
Greenwood, Mary	17 Salem St.	A
Staback, Dana L.	29 Arnold St.	A
Giroux, Viola A.	201 Breckenridge St.	A
Dranka, Richard	5 Crest St.	D
Trzepacz, Francis J.	60 Robinson St.	A
Aliengena, Gerald J.	225 Breckenridge St.	A
Jameson, Brian D.	51 Center St.	B
Wozniakowski, Lynne M.	10 Forest St.	D
Santaniello, Brenda M.	282 So. Main St.	A
Benedetti, Iris	10 Conant St.	A
Lane, Felicia M.	175 Main St.	D
Giza, Stanley A.	65 Calkins St.	C
Turner, Lucille H.	15 Knox St.	A
O'Connor, Alan	Gay St.	B
Hauver, Irene E.	28 Breton St.	A
Richard, Sarah L.	28 Flynt St.	A
Oliveira, Mary P.	24 Lawrence St.	A
Stockman, Becky E.	18 Quaboag Tr. Park	C
Boudreau, Joann F.	53 Central St.	A
Lundquist, Harold A.	5 Beverly St.	A
Brown, Janet N.	Oak St.	D
McCarthy, Honora M.	18 Pleasant St.	A
Wilder, Robert W. Jr.	21 Springfield St.	C
McKee, Lydia L.	82 Belchertown St.	C
Bechard, Arthur F. Jr.	11 Alden St.	A
Midwood, William R.	19 Whalen St.	A
Zglobicki, David M.	112 North St.	C
Rooney-Galica, Marjorie	72 Commercial St.	B
Plotczik, Shirley M.	75 Overlook Dr.	A
Lynch, Daniel M.	8 Central St.	C
Mathieson, Colleen J.	1701 Ware St.	B
Garceau, Anthony L.	1E Quaboag Tr. Park	C
Lafond, Yvonne J.	8 Maple St.	D
Jenkins, Russell V.	153 Shearer St.	A
Morneau, Gloria	18 Dublin St.	A
Romanik, Monica T.	Palmer St.	D
Murphy, Dianne	588 No. Main St.	A
Bracci, Augusto M.	Cedar St.	C



Baldyga, Mary A.	2 Church St.	B
Graves, Gunvor M.	Ware St.	B
Aniskiewicz, Helen M.	9 Central St.	C
Koziol, Theodore A. Jr.	1286 Ware St.	B
Thomas, Richard F.	88 Park St.	A
Siemienkiewicz, Monica M.	162 High St.	D
LaCross, Debbie E.	84 Central St.	A
Fissette, Alan R.	52 Palmer St.	C
Benoit, Leo D.	11 Hillside Dr.	A
Zebrowski, Cynthia	316 Old Warren Rd.	B
Woffenden, George S.	94 Pleasant St.	A
Libera, Edward R.	1586 Ware St.	B
Czech, Michael J.	25 Central St.	A
Robitaille, Eugenie B.	7 Fletcher St.	A
Kos, Pauline A.	151 High St.	D
Goode, Blake	10 Foster St.	A
Boyle, Robert J.	14 Beech St.	A
Rondeau, Michael E.	71 Central St.	A
Bourgault, Rita G.	66 Pleasant St.	C
Oppel, Susan A.	300 Ware St.	B
Fredette, Ralph H.	15 Coache St.	C
Green, Helen M.	77 Shearer St.	A
Papineau, Mary A.	33 Geraldine St.	A
Kokoszka, Nellie R.	64 Chudy St.	C
Mann, Gloria M.	714 No. Main St.	A
Kelley, Judith M.	17 Converse St.	A
Davis, Grason C.	9 Pearl St.	A
Siok, Paul P.	165 River St.	B
Dinwoodie, Jean E.	10 Brown St.	A
Tallman, Darlene A.	35 Beverly St.	A
Hare, Deborah	39 Front St.	C
Walker, Edna T.	270 Boston Rd.	A
Ward, William J.	92 Summer St.	B
Doolin, John J.	3 Overlook Dr.	C
Les, Josephine A.	156 So. Main St.	A
Zina, Richard J.	190 Calkins Rd.	A
Boyko, Jan M.	110 Main St.	B
Charette, Richard J.	6 Oak St.	C
LeBlanc, Pierre J.	5 Brown St.	A
Orluk, Cynthia M.	43½ Belanger St.	C
Berthiaume, Paula M.	425 High St.	B
Peterson, Kenneth R.	Wilbraham St.	A
Pottier, Florence L.	39 Front St.	C
Carey, Francis P.	15 Cheney St.	C
Pereira, Doris A.	17 Temple St.	A
Hill, Ann M.	River St.	B
Shea, Mark D.	29 Belanger St.	C
Cook, Birgit H.	38 Pleasant St.	B
Fontaine, Louise	46½ Thorndike St.	A
Stearns, Barbara	8 Carter St.	A
Flint, James E.	33 River St.	B
Charpentier, Jane M.	83 Overlook Dr.	A
Silva, Karen M.	495 Springfield St.	C
Dustin, John E. Jr.	River St.	B
Gallagher, Kathleen M.	30 Meadow Lane	C
Charwick, Mary S.	23 Birch St.	C
Riel, Jay	21 Arnold St.	A
Sabourin, Leonard J.	27 Dublin St.	A
Maloney, Marion A.	315 Shearer St.	A



McAdam, Donald H.	16 Arnold St.	A
Rogers, Julia M.	214 Main St.	C
Romboletti, Irma J.	Gates St.	B
Thomas, Robert E.	117 So. Main St.	A
Dearness, Robert V.	139 Thorndike St.	A
Hubert, Diane V.	94 Park St.	A
Majka, Rudolph	123 Belchertown St.	C
Bechard, Joanne M.	11 Alden St.	A
Dennis, Patricia A.	9 Orchard St.	A
Canterbury, Ruth L.	19 Oakland St.	A
Carlow, Hazel V.	So. High St.	D
Mancini, Anna M.	137 Thorndike St.	A
Corsi, Regina	17 New Hampshire Ave.	C
Swist, Albert J.	87 High St.	D
Clark, Howard	16 Maple Terr.	C
Hibbard, Bonnie J.	Sykes St.	C
Lee, Carol A.	French Dr.	A
Naglack, Henry C.	50 Elizabeth St.	B
Doyle, Daniel P.	17 Pearl St.	A
Bradway, Frederick C.	210 Calkins Rd.	A
Brown, Donna L.	125 Pleasant St.	B
Marciniec, Thomas F.	119 North St.	C
Thompson, Lorraine C.	68 Overlook Dr.	A
Berthiaume, Marilyn A.	Ray's Mobile Home Park Lot #7	A
Donovan, Patricia A.	88 Longview St.	A



## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982 and ending June 30, 1983.

Cash Balance July 1, 1983	\$ 8,857.09
Receipts	27,909,157.86
Transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for Police Salaries	<u>280,000.00</u>
	\$28,198,014.95
Payments per Warrants	<u>28,099,956.41</u>
Cash Balance June 30, 1983	<u>\$ 98,058.54</u>
Cash and checks in office (late receipts)	\$ 13,969.55
Shawmut First Bank & Trust Co.	576.88
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	3,297.52
BayBank Valley	663.36
BayBank Valley W.P.C.	73,594.41
State Street Bank—Interest Government Investment Acct.	2,416.11
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust, Interest	1,065.71
Country Bank for Savings (Energy Audit Grant)	<u>2,475.00</u>
	<u>\$ 98,058.54</u>

### INVESTMENTS:

Government Investment Account (M.M.) State Street Bank and Trust Co.	\$ 611,000.00
Pooled Investment: Mass Municipal Depository Trust	<u>190,528.51</u>
	<u>\$ 801,528.51</u>

The total amount of interest income earned during the fiscal year on Bank Accounts, Investments, and Invested Federal Revenue Sharing Funds was \$184,049.37



# SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Entitlement #12		Balance
Balance July 1, 1982	\$97,946.38	
Interest	<u>719.05</u>	
	\$98,665.43	
Less disbursements-Police salaries	98,665.43	
Balance June 30, 1983		NONE
Entitlement #13		
Balance July 1, 1982	\$126,756.28	
Receipts	122,633.00	
Interest	<u>16,836.02</u>	
	\$266,225.30	
Less disbursements-Police salaries	181,334.57	
Balance June 30, 1983		\$84,890.73
Entitlement #14		
Receipts	\$106,279.00	
Interest	<u>2,119.22</u>	
Balance June 30, 1983	\$108,398.22	<u>\$108,398.22</u>
Total Balance of Federal Revenue Sharing		
Funds June 30, 1983		<u>\$193,288.95</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Calkins  
Town Treasurer



## REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I herewith submit the following financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983:

- Balance Sheet—General Accounts
- Balance Sheet—Debt Accounts
- Balance Sheet—Trust and Investments
- Statement of Cash Receipts
- Statement of Cash Disbursements
- Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Balances
- Statement of Bonded Indebtedness
- Statement of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds
- Statement of Reserve Account Transfers

In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 23, as amended, the Director of Accounts, Department of Revenue, certified that the amount of available funds or "free cash" as of July 1, 1983 for the Town of Palmer is \$1,083,115.

This will be my final report as Town Accountant for the Town of Palmer since I have given notice to the Board of Selectmen that I intend to retire from this position on March 13, 1984.

I wish to express my appreciation to my office staff, the Board of Selectmen, officials and personnel of all Town Departments and Committees, for their assistance and cooperation throughout the fifteen years that I have served the town as Town Accountant and Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley J. Bigda  
Town Accountant



## SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS IN 1983

To provide our citizens with an account of what transpired at our Special Town Meetings, we offer the following summary:

April 4, 1983

ARTICLE 3. Voters approved appropriation of \$18,492.00 for the Interest on Wastewater Treatment Facilities Account.

ARTICLE 4. Voters approved the transfer of \$8,931.92 from available funds in the Treasury to the salary accounts of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and the Town Treasurer and be distributed as follows:

Town Clerk	\$4,539.72
Tax Collector	2,800.00
Town Treasurer	<u>1,592.20</u>
	8,931.92

ARTICLE 6. Voters approved the transfer of \$2,029.33 which was the remaining balance in the appropriation for Electronic Voting Machines (ART. 26-A.T.M. 4/26/82) to an account established for the purpose of purchasing new ballot boxes for Town elections, and in addition, the voters approved the transfer of \$371.00 from available funds in the Treasury for the same purpose.

November 29, 1983

ARTICLE 2. Voters approved authorizing the Selectmen to apply to the General Court and take all other action necessary in order that a license under General Laws, Chapter 138, Section 15, to sell all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises, on a year-round basis, be granted to J. F. Inc. D/B/A One Stop, an existing seasonal all alcoholic package store licensee, notwithstanding the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 138, Section 17.

ARTICLE 3. Voters approved the transfer of \$70.00 from available funds in the Treasury to install and maintain a 400 lumen Mercury Vapor light on Pole No. 2, New Hampshire Avenue, Precinct C.

ARTICLE 4. Voters approved the transfer of \$739.00 from available funds in the Treasury to the Police Department Other Expense Account for unpaid bills of previous years.

ARTICLE 5. Voters approved amending the Personnel By-Law and Compensation Plan of the Town of Palmer as follows:

Increase the maximum in Grade 4 from \$10,596 to \$10,663  
Increase the maximum in Grade 14 from \$27,560 to \$29,260

ARTICLE 6. Voters approved the acceptance of Chapter 138, Section 12-B of the General Laws which reads as follows:

**Section 12-B** In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, no licensee, licensed under the provisions of section twelve, shall suffer or permit any person to appear on said licensed premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view any portion of the pubic area, anus, vulva or genitals, or any simulation thereof, or shall suffer or permit any female to appear on licensed premises in such manner or attire as to expose to view any portion of the breast below the top of the areola, or any simulation thereof. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be enforced by



the alcoholic beverage control commission and the local authorities.

ARTICLE 7. Voters approved the acceptance of Chapter 597, Acts of 1982 which amended General Laws, Chapter 60A, Section 1, to provide an exemption from the Motor Vehicle Excise for a motor vehicle owned by a former prisoner of war, which term is defined as any regularly appointed, enrolled, enlisted, or inducted member of the U.S. Military Forces who was captured, separated and incarcerated by an enemy of the United States during an armed conflict.

ARTICLE 8. Voters approved amending Article five of the Charter of the Town of Palmer by changing the length of term for the office of License Commissioner from one year to three years. This amendment shall take effect with the Annual Town Election of 1985. The candidate for License Commissioner receiving the greatest number of votes at the Annual Town Election of 1985 shall serve for a three-year term. Candidates with the second and third greatest number of votes at the election shall serve for two and one year terms respectively. A runoff election shall be held within thirty days in the case of a tie vote.

ARTICLE 9. Voters approved amending the Charter of the Town of Palmer by reducing the membership of the Finance Committee from the present number of thirty-five members as provided in Section 3-6 to a lesser number of fifteen members. The Charter amendment shall become effective upon its approval by the voters voting thereon and the terms of all incumbent members of the Finance Committee shall be terminated and the Board of Selectmen shall appoint their successors with all deliberate speed and in accordance with the amended Section 3-6.

ARTICLE 10. Voters approved the transfer of \$1,500.00 from available funds in the Treasury for the salary and expenses of a Parking Clerk.

ARTICLE 11. Voters approved the transfer of \$3,500.00 from available funds in the Treasury to the Park Department Salaries Account for an increase in the salary of the Park Department Superintendent, retroactive to July 1, 1983.



## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 1983

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in town affairs, held at Palmer High School on Converse Street, on the twenty-fifth day of April A.D. 1983, a Monday at 7:00 P.M., the following business was transacted, viz;

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Jacob Toshikian, Town Clerk.

After a partial reading of the warrant calling the meeting, it was voted to dispense with further reading of it and to take up Article 1.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all usual Town Officers.

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on reports of all Officers and Committees whose duties require them to report to said meeting.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED: That the compensation for elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984 be fixed as follows:

Moderator	\$ 123
Selectmen	2,100 ea
Treasurer	18,500
Tax Collector	18,500
Town Clerk	18,500
(all fees revert to Town Treasury)	
Assessors	2,000 ea.
License Commission Members	No Salary
Planning Board Members	No Salary
Palmer Redevelopment Authority Members	No Salary
Board of Health Members	1,000 ea.
School Committee Members	No Salary
Pathfinder Regional Vocational- Technical High School District Committee Members	No Salary
Park Commission Members	No Salary
Cemetery Commission Members	No Salary
Palmer Housing Authority Members	No Salary

ARTICLE 4. VOTED: That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1983, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 5. That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money, as permitted by law to meet any appropriations made or expenses incurred under any article of the warrant.

ARTICLE 6. VOTED: That the Selectmen be, and they are hereby authorized to sell at Public Auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, any old and obsolete equipment or personal property, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction or sale may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED: That the Selectmen be, and they are hereby authorized to sell at Public Auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such



notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

ARTICLE 8. VOTED: That the sum of \$280,000.00 be transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, P.L. 92-512, to the Police Salaries Account.

ARTICLE 9. VOTED: That the sum of \$60,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED: That the sum of \$5,694.50 be transferred from the State Aid to Free Libraries Account to the Palmer Public Library.

ARTICLE 11. VOTED: That action under Article 11 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 12. VOTED: That the sum of \$1,800.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Palmer Midget Baseball League.

ARTICLE 13. VOTED: That the sum of \$1,800.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Palmer Cowboy Football Team.

ARTICLE 14. VOTED: That the sum of \$1,800.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Palmer Lil' Girls Softball League.

ARTICLE 15. VOTED: That the sum of \$42,000.00 be raised and appropriated to subsidize the ambulance service in the Town of Palmer, such service to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 16. VOTED: That the sum of \$2,500.00 be transferred from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to the Cemetery Other Expense Account.

ARTICLE 17. VOTED: That the sum of \$4,000.00 be raised and appropriated to provide community mental health and social services through Valley Human Services, Inc. to the residents of the Town of Palmer.

ARTICLE 18. VOTED: That the sum of \$57,551.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury for "construction, reconstruction, and improvement including surface treatments so-called" on all approved public ways which qualify under the State Aid Highway guidelines adopted by the Public Works Commission, said monies to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth through an allocation to the Town under Chapter 191 of the Acts of 1982 and restored upon their receipt to available funds in the Treasury.

ARTICLE 19. VOTED: That action under Article 19 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 20. VOTED: That the sum of \$1,800.00 be raised and appropriated to grade and gravel Barker Street, Precinct C from the intersection of Belchertown Street, southwesterly 400 feet beyond the residence of George L. Foskit.

Fincom Chairman, Jack Lynch, advised that the recommendation of the committee was to grade and gravel and the motion was presented in that manner and it was so voted.

ARTICLE 21. VOTED: That action under Article 21 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 22. VOTED: That action under Article 22 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 23. VOTED: That the Town rescind the balance of \$290,800 in Loans Authorized and Unissued for the Palmer Industrial Park Project authorized under Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of June 21, 1971.



ARTICLE 24. VOTED: That the Town amend the Personnel By-Law and Compensation Plan of the Town of Palmer as authorized under Chapter 41, Sections 108A and 108C of the General Laws by increasing the present maximums in Schedules B-1, B-2 and B-3 by four and one-half (4½) percent.

ARTICLE 25. VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen be, and they are hereby authorized to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to act on the following bill:

“An Act Providing For Three Year Terms For The License Commissioners of The Town of Palmer.”

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section five of the Charter of the Town of Palmer is hereby amended by changing the length of term for the Office of License Commissioner from one year to three years.

SECTION 2. The Candidate for License Commissioner receiving the greatest number of votes at the regular election of 1984 shall serve for a three year term. Candidates with the second and third greatest number of votes at that election shall serve for two and one year terms respectively. A runoff election shall be held within thirty days in the case of a tie vote.

ARTICLE 26. VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen be, and they are hereby authorized to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to act on the following bill:

“An Act Providing For Certain Changes In The Home Rule Charter of The Town of Palmer.”

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Home Rule Charter of the Town of Palmer is hereby amended by striking out Section 3.3 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 3.3 Appointments.

In addition to appointments to temporary posts or committees that they may create from time to time for special purposes, the Board of Selectmen shall make appointments to the following positions for the term specified.

OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	LENGTH OF TERM (YEARS)
Executive Secretary	1	3
Town Accountant	1	3
Town Counsel	1	1
Personnel Advisory Committee	5	3
Finance Committee	15	3
Board of Appeals	5	3
Alternates to the Board of Appeals	3	3
Trustee of the Palmer Public Library	1	1

The Selectmen shall appoint subject to the provisions of the Civil Service law where applicable and except as otherwise authorized by Charter, all department heads, officers, members of the boards and commissioners and employees.



The Selectmen shall present a written description of the duties and supervisory responsibility assigned to and the authority delegated to each office, board, commission, and committee to which they make appointments; including positions for regular Town employees that may not be specifically listed in this section. A certificate of appointment shall be issued by the Selectmen to each person they appoint. The certificate shall be made in three copies and signed by at least two Selectmen. One copy shall be given to the appointee, one shall be given to the Town Clerk when he administers the oath of office, and one shall be retained by the Selectmen in their files.

Information on the title, duties and remuneration of all vacant positions, with an invitation to apply, shall be published in a newspaper or other periodical circulated in the Town a minimum of two weeks before said vacant positions are filled by an appointee.

SECTION 2. The Home Rule Charter of the Town of Palmer is hereby amended by striking out section 3-4; and by renumbering section 3-5, The Personnel Advisory Committee, to read section 3-4; and by renumbering section 3-6, The Finance Committee, to read section 3-5.

SECTION 3. The Home Rule Charter of the Town of Palmer is hereby amended by striking out the penultimate sentence of new section 3-5 as renumbered by section two of this act and inserting in its place the following sentence:—

The Committee shall be fifteen (15) members in size.

SECTION 4. The Home Rule Charter of the Town of Palmer is hereby amended by inserting after new section 3-5 as renumbered by section two of this act the following section:—

SECTION 4. Section 3-6. Administrative Organization, By-Laws and Administrative Code.

- a. The organization of the Town into operating departments, divisions, offices and agencies may be accomplished through either of the methods provided in this section.
- b. Subject to express prohibitions in State statutes and the provisions of the charter, the Town Meeting may, by by-laws reorganize, consolidate, or abolish any Town agency, in whole or in part; establish such new Town agencies as it deems necessary or advisable and prescribe the fsh any Town agency, in whole or in part; establish such new Town agencies as it deems necessary or advisable and prescribe the functions of all such entities; provided, however, that no function assigned by this charter to a particular Town agency may be discontinued, or unless this charter specifically so provides, assigned to any other.
- c. The Board of Selectmen may from time to time prepare and submit to the Town Meeting plans of organization or reorganization which establish operating divisions for the orderly, efficient or convenient conduct of the business of the Town.

Whenever the Board of Selectmen prepares such a plan it shall hold one or more public hearings on the proposal giving notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town, which notice shall describe the scope of the proposal and the time and place at which the hearing will be held not later than fourteen days following said publication. Following such public hearing, the Board



of Selectmen shall submit their proposal, which may have been amended subsequent to the public hearing, to the Town Meeting by a warrant article.

An organization or reorganization plan shall become effective at the expiration of sixty (60) days following the date of the Town Meeting at which the proposal is submitted by the Board of Selectmen unless the Town Meeting shall, by a majority vote within that time, vote to disapprove the plan. The Town Meeting may vote only to approve or disapprove the plan and may not vote to amend or alter it.

The Board of Selectmen may, through the administrative code, and subject to express prohibitions in State statutes and this charter, reorganize, consolidate or abolish all Town agencies in whole or in part; establish such new Town agencies as they deem necessary; and for such purpose transfer the duties and powers and, so far as is consistent with the use for which the funds were voted by the Town, transfer the appropriation of one Town agency to another; provided, however, that no function assigned by this chapter to a particular Town agency may be discontinued or, unless this charter specifically so provides, assigned to any other.

- d. The Executive Secretary shall prepare, maintain and keep current a plan establishing the personnel staffing requirements of each Town agency, except those under the jurisdiction of the school committee.

SECTION 5. Any person holding a Town office or employment under the Town, shall retain such office or employment, and shall continue to perform his/her duties until provisions shall have been made, in accordance with this act, for the performance of the said duties by another person or agency; provided, however, that no person in the permanent full-time service of the Town shall, as a result of this act, forfeit his pay grade or time in service. All such persons shall be retained in a capacity as similar to their former capacity as is practical to do so.

ARTICLE 27. VOTED: That the following sums of money be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year 1984:

**1. MODERATOR SALARY**

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**SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT:**

2. Salaries	6,300	
3. Clerical	5,059	
4. Other Expenses	10,836	
5. Contingent Account	<u>900</u>	23,095

**ACCOUNTANT DEPARTMENT:**

6. Salary of Town Accountant/ Exec. Secr.	25,717	
7. Clerical	8,983	
8. Other Expenses	<u>767</u>	35,467



**TREASURER:**

9. Salary	18,500	
10. Clerical	16,222	
11. Other Expenses	<u>9,050</u>	43,772

**COLLECTOR:**

12. Salary	18,500	
13. Clerical	19,061	
14. Other Expenses	<u>11,813</u>	49,374

**TOWN CLERK:**

15. Salary	18,500	
16. Clerical	10,686	
17. Other Expenses	<u>3,560</u>	32,746

**ELECTION & REGISTRATION:**

18. Registrars' Salaries	2,675	
19. Other Expenses	11,885	14,560

**ASSESSORS:**

20. Salaries	6,000	
21. Clerical	19,083	
22. Other Expenses	<u>9,854</u>	34,937

**LAW AND CLAIMS:**

23. Salary of Town Counsel	4,000	
24. Other Expenses	1,500	
25. Special Legal Services	<u>2,000</u>	7,500

**LICENSE COMMISSIONERS:**

26. Expenses		600
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**MEMORIAL HALL:**

27. Salary of Custodian	3,423	
28. Other Expenses	<u>7,170</u>	10,593

**PALMER TOWN BUILDING:**

29. Salary of Custodian	5,086	
30. Other Expenses	<u>19,990</u>	25,076

**ENGINEERING:**

31. Town Engineer's Salary	6,000	
32. Consulting Engineer	<u>4,000</u>	10,000



**FINANCE:**

33. Salary of Clerk	1,045	
34. Other Expenses	<u>1,575</u>	2,620

**PLANNING BOARD:**

35. Clerical	3,373	
36. Other Expenses	<u>2,850</u>	6,223

**BOARD OF APPEALS:**

37. Expenses		600
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**PERSONNEL BOARD:**

38. Expenses		50
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**COUNCIL ON AGING:**

39. Director	9,320	
40. Expenses	<u>5,861</u>	15,181

**PALMER  
REDEVELOP-  
MENT****AUTHORITY:**

41. Expenses	<u>          </u>	695
TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT		313,212

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY****POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

42. Salaries	393,826	
Less: Transfer from F.R.S.	<u>280,000</u>	
To be raised by Taxation:	113,826	
43. Other Expenses	44,280	
44. Cruisers	<u>10,000</u>	168,106

**AUXILIARY POLICE:**

45. Expenses		1,400
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**CIVIL DEFENSE:**

46. Salary	523	
47. Expenses	<u>100</u>	623

**FOREST WARDEN:**

48. Salary	2,351	
49. Other Expenses	1,320	
50. Out-of-District Fires	<u>2,000</u>	5,671



**FORESTRY DEPARTMENT:**

51. Labor	1,000	
52. Other Expenses	6,400	
53. Dutch Elm Disease	4,793	
54. Insect Pest Control	<u>1,500</u>	13,693

**SEALER:**

55. Salary	1,800	
56. Other Expenses	<u>875</u>	2,675

**DOG OFFICER:**

57. Salary	1,568	
58. Other Expenses	<u>5,745</u>	7,313

**GAS INSPECTOR:**

59. Salary and Expenses		325
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60. TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:		150
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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:**

61. Expenses		400
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**WIRE INSPECTOR:**

62. Salary and Expenses		1,250
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**HISTORICAL COMMISSION:**

63. Expenses		100
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**BUILDING INSPECTOR:**

64. Salary and Expenses		5,125
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**PARKING CLERK:**

65. Expenses		<u>300</u>
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**TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF  
PERSONS & PROPERTY**

207,131

**HEALTH AND SANITATION****BOARD OF HEALTH:**

66. Salaries	3,000	
67. Health Agent's Salary	1,255	
68. Other Expenses	<u>5,650</u>	9,905

**MILK INSPECTION:**

69. Salary and Expenses		384
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**ANIMAL INSPECTION:**

70. Salary and Expenses		1,000
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71. VITAL STATISTICS:		500
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72. PALMER VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION:		12,500
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**PLUMBING INSPECTOR:**

73. Salary and Expenses		1,500
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74. HOME CARE CORPORATION:		986
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**SANITARY LANDFILL:**

75. Salary of Caretaker	10,127	
76. Contracted Services	45,000	
77. Other Expenses	<u>690</u>	55,817

78. SEWER TRUNKMAIN CLEANING:		3,000
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79. GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:		12,850
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**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:**

80. Salaries	152,145	
81. Expenses	<u>289,600</u>	441,745
TOTAL FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION		<u>540,187</u>

**HIGHWAYS****HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

82. Salaries	201,794	
83. General Highway Maintenance	63,340	
84. Street Signs & Traffic Regulations	5,730	
85. Highway Equipment & Repairs	29,500	
86. Maintenance of Railroad Crossings	2,500	
87. Bridge Maintenance	100	
88. General Sidewalk Maintenance	3,500	
89. Surface Treatment	30,250	
90. Snow Removal	34,500	
91. Street Lighting	<u>78,000</u>	
TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS		449,214

**VETERANS' DEPARTMENT****VETERANS:**

92. Veterans' Agent Salary	5,076	
93. Veterans' Benefits	43,250	
94. Veterans' Other Expenses	<u>1,650</u>	
TOTAL FOR VETERANS' DEPARTMENT		49,976



## EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

95. PUBLIC SCHOOLS—SUPPORT & MAINTENANCE		4,053,443
96. PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT		572,520
97. PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY	140,955.50	
Less: Transfer from State Aid to Free Public Libraries Account	<u>5,694.50</u>	
To be raised by Taxation		135,261
TOTAL FOR EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES		<u>4,761,224</u>

## PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS

### PARKS:

98. Salaries	78,808	
99. Equipment	3,700	
100. Other Expenses	16,100	
101. Pee Wee Park Maintenance	<u>1,500</u>	100,108
102. NICK LAVIOLETTE PARK		1,500

### RECREATION:

103. Salaries	15,105	
104. Other Expenses	<u>10,020</u>	25,125
105. MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE:		2,000
TOTAL FOR PARKS, RECREATION & CELEBRATIONS		<u>128,733</u>

## CEMETERIES

### CEMETERIES:

106. Labor		32,473
107. Salary of Secretary		2,019
108. Other Expenses	6,825	
Less: Transfer from sale of Cemetery Lots Account	<u>2,500</u>	
To be raised by Taxation		4,325
109. Equipment		<u>1,715</u>
TOTAL FOR CEMETERIES		40,532

## PENSIONS

110. COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT:		197,005
111. RETIREMENT, Leo J. Santucci:		21,694
112. RETIREMENT, Stanley J. Strzeminski		<u>7,744</u>
TOTAL FOR PENSIONS		226,443



## INSURANCE

### INSURANCE:

113. General Insurance	70,000	
114. Blue Cross/Blue Shield	81,500	
115. Group Life Insurance	2,400	
116. Unemployment	35,000	
TOTAL FOR INSURANCE		<u>188,900</u>

### UNCLASSIFIED

117. TOWN REPORTS:	3,250	
TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED		<u>3,250</u>

## INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

### INTEREST:

118. Tax Anticipation Note	5,000	
119. Three Rivers Flood Control	1,925	
120. Palmer Industrial Park Urban Renewal	63,750	
121. Main St., Three Rivers Sewer	550	
122. Wastewater Treatment Facilities	94,000	
123. Abated Taxes	2,000	
124. Purchase & Renovation of New Library Building	8,525	
125. Calkins Rd. Sewer Project	17,400	
TOTAL INTEREST		<u>193,150</u>

### PRINCIPAL:

126. Three Rivers Flood Control	5,000	
127. Main St., Three Rivers Sewer Bond	11,000	
128. Palmer Industrial Park Urban Renewal	130,000	
129. Wastewater Treatment Facilities	80,000	
130. Renovation of Library	30,000	
131. Purchase of Library	10,000	
TOTAL PRINCIPAL		<u>266,000</u>
TOTAL—ARTICLE 27		<u>7,367,952</u>







**TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1983**  
**GENERAL ACCOUNTS**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
CASH:		TEMPORARY LOANS:	
IN BANKS:		ANTICIPATION OF FEDERAL AND	
Revenue Cash	98,058.54	STATE GRANTS:	
TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS:		Water Pollution Control Project	
Revenue Cash	591,245.09	ANTICIPATION OF SERIAL LOANS:	
Non-Revenue Cash	210,283.42	Water Pollution Control Project	
Federal Revenue Sharing	193,288.95	Street Sewer Improvement Project	
		287,000.00	
	1,092,876.00	437,000.00	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		STATE ASSESSMENTS:	
TAXES:		Special Education, Chapter 766, FY-1983	
FY-1980 Levy:		4,026.00	
Personal Property	275.20		
FY-1981 Levy:		PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:	
Real Estate	18,529.50	County Retirement	
Personal Property	333.30	Group Health Insurance	
FY-1982 Levy:		Group Life Insurance	
Real Estate	40,760.87	795.08	
Personal Property	3,088.88	31,724.32	
FY-1983 Levy: (1)		WARRANTS PAYABLE	
Real Estate	1,818,372.24	220,334.67	
Personal Property	142,950.39	OVERPAYMENTS TO BE REFUNDED:	
		Group Life Insurance	
	2,024,310.38	2,919.00	
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:		AGENCY:	
1978	16.50	County - Dog License Fees	
1980	6,292.39	District - Proceeds of Tax	
1981	2,208.00	Possession Sales	
1982	4,584.91	Police - Off Duty Work Detail	
1983	26,040.83	2,303.37	
	39,142.63	5,038.87	



## SEWER AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

## SEWER USER CHARGES:

FY-1981	3,840.00
FY-1982	7,300.57
FY-1983	37,102.00

## SEWER USER FEES ADDED TO TAXES:

FY-1981	180.00
FY-1982	280.00
COMMITTED INTEREST ON SEWER USER FEES:	120.00

## FARM ANIMAL AND EQUIPMENT

## EXCISE:

1982	
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94

## TAX TITLES AND POSSESSIONS:

Tax Titles	86,111.57
Tax Possessions	717.94

## DEPARTMENTAL:

Selectmen	4,195.00
Veterans	1,617.35
Schools	354.00
Cemetery	3,926.16
Water Pollution Control - Cost Sharing	286,550.00

## FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS:

State Aided Street Sewer Improvement Project	14,755.00
Federal Aided Water Pollution Control Project	432,670.00

## GIFTS AND BEQUESTS:

Council on Aging	72.48
Historical Commission	210.65
Local Arts Lottery Council	3.00
Police Department	480.00

766.13

## TRUST FUND INCOME:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	605.00
Fuller Fund for Parks and Schools	953.73

1,558.73

## TAILINGS:

Unclaimed Checks	
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3,648.60

## FEDERAL GRANTS:

General:	
Federal Revenue Sharing	
Trust Fund	193,288.95
Title I, LSCA - Palmer Public Library	1,012.68

194,301.63

## Schools:

PL 89-313, Title I	3,433.14
PL 89-10, Title I	23,891.82
PL 85-864, Title III	507.43
PL 94-142, Title VI	8,036.61

35,869.00

## STATE GRANTS:

Highway and Bridge Improvement, Chapter 335	11,598.00
Energy Audit	2,475.00
Hazardous Waste Facility Site Safety Council, Technical Assistance Grant - Water Study	5,000.00



State Aided Water Pollution Control Project	76,356.00	523,781.00	Department of Elder Affairs, Council on Aging	2,193.28	21,266.28
DUE FROM STATE: Urban Renewal Project- Palmer Industrial Park State Aid to Highways Revenue, FY-1984		851,175.50 38,218.00 7,792,652.00	APPROPRIATION CONTROL, FY-1984  APPROPRIATION BALANCES: Revenue Non-Revenue		7,855,897.50 835,618.86
LOANS AUTHORIZED: Water Pollution Control Project Urban Renewal Project- Palmer Industrial Park Street Sewer Improvement Project	385,150.00 290,800.00 425,000.00	1,100,950.00	LOANS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED: Water Pollution Control Project Urban Renewal Project - Palmer Industrial Park Street Sewer Improvement Project  OVERESTIMATES: State Parks and Reservations Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control District  SALE OF REAL ESTATE FUND  RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION: Cost of Chemicals, P.W.P.C.F., Sale of Cemetery Lots  RESERVE FUND - OVERLAY SURPLUS  OVERLAYS RESERVE FOR ABATEMENT: FY-1980 Levy FY-1981 Levy FY-1982 Levy FY-1983 Levy	235,150.00 290,800.00 138,000.00  2,527.92 852.56  9,000.00  7,550.11 21,471.00  275.20 8,026.43 64,431.66 29,247.44	663,950.00  3,380.48  148,006.49  101,980.73



REVOLVING FUNDS:

School Lunch	28,232.20
School Athletics	4,300.30
Adult Education	2,633.70
Mental Health Transportation	<u>14,354.00</u>
	49,520.20

REVENUES RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	39,142.63
Farm Animal and Equipment Excise Tax	133.25
Tax Titles and Possessions	86,829.51
Departmental	296,642.51
State Aid to Highways	38,218.00
State Aided Urban	
Renewal Assistance	851,175.50
Grant - Palmer Industrial Park	
Sewer User Charge	<u>48,822.57</u>
	1,360,963.97

SURPLUS REVENUE

	<u>1,441,740.78</u>
	<u>13,895,533.35</u>

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Notes:  
(1) Second tax billing mailed on  
July 11, 1983.



Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		
Inside Debt Limit:		
General	186,000.00	
Outside Debt Limit:		
General	2,495,000.00	
	<u>2,681,000.00</u>	
Serial Loans:		
Inside Debt Limit:		
General:		
Sewer Construction	11,000.00	
Palmer Public Library -	175,000.00	
Purchase and Renovation		
Project		186,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:		
General:		
Local Flood Control	35,000.00	
Urban Renewal Project -	1,285,000.00	
Palmer Industrial Park		
Water Pollution Control	1,175,000.00	
Project		2,495,000.00
		2,681,000.00



# TRUST FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS

## ASSETS

Trust Funds and Investments:  
Cash and Securities:  
In Custody of Treasurer

196,464.92

196,464.92

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

In Custody of Treasurer:

Thompson Fund - Welfare  
Merrick Fund - Schools  
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds  
Inez Burleigh Fuller School Fund  
Inez Burleigh Fuller Park Fund  
Conservation Fund

951.28

850.00

104,493.00

1,000.00

2,000.00

87,170.64

196,464.92



**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS**  
**Year Ending June 30, 1983**

**TAXES—LOCAL**

Current Year's Levy:		
Real Estate	1,632,455.91	
Personal Property	<u>128,165.50</u>	1,760,621.41
Prior Year's Levy:		
Real Estate	128,850.69	
Personal Property	3,349.65	
Tax Title Redemption	<u>31,495.38</u>	163,695.72
Other Local Taxes		
Motor Vehicle Excise	218,072.70	
Farm Animal Excise	1,029.00	
Trailer Coach Fees	<u>10,920.00</u>	230,021.70

**TOTAL TAXES—LOCAL** 2,154,338.83

**STATE SHARED TAXES**

Loss of Taxes and Abatements	62,199.79
Education Basis	1,207,727.00
Local Aid Fund—Lottery	203,929.00
Local Aid—General Fund	<u>722,456.00</u>

**TOTAL STATE SHARED TAXES** 2,196,311.79

**LICENSES:**

Alcoholic Beverages	14,905.00
Licenses Issues by Selectmen	7,398.50
Licenses Issued by Board of Health	1,395.00
Gas Storage Permits & Renewals	<u>1,471.50</u>

**TOTAL LICENSES** 25,170.00

**PERMITS:** 20,130.54

**FINES—COURT:** 13,930.00

**FEDERAL FUNDS:**

Transferred from Federal	
Revenue Sharing	280,000.00
Library Services &	
Construction Act	2,000.00
Water Pollution Control Project	<u>402,400.00</u>

**TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS** 684,400.00

**SCHOOL FUNDS:**

School Lunch Program	88,286.96
Title I Proj. #82-227-137 PL 89-10	1,260.00
Title I PL 89-313 SOS V	13,450.00
Title I Proj. #83-227-137 PL 89-10	74,935.00
Education Consolidation & Improvement	
Act—ECIA of 1981 Chapt. 2 PL 97-35	15,182.00



Title VI Proj. 240-213-3-0227-5	
PL 94-142	40,590.00
Stress Management Work Shop	
Proj. 380-093-3-0227-5	1,250.00
Computer Literacy for	
Elementary Class Teachers	
Proj. 380-049-3-0227-5	833.00
1982-83 Project MORE—Title IV-C	<u>550.00</u>

TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS

236,336.96

**STATE FUNDS:**

School Lunch Program	17,028.35	
Library Aid	5,694.50	
State Aid to Highways	222,147.85	
Wastewater Treatment Facilities	384,611.00	
Sec. of Elder Affairs	2,039.00	
Dept. of Community Affairs—Palmer		
Industrial Pk—Urban Renewal	85,117.55	
Reimbursement—Cost of Chemicals		
Palmer Water Polluton Control Facilities	7,550.11	
Local Aid—Arts Lottery	578.00	
Energy Audit Grant	2,475.00	
Hazardous Waste Facility Site Safety		
Council Technical Assistance		
Grant—Abutting Communities	17,000.00	
Miscellaneous State Receipts	<u>34.00</u>	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS

744,275.36

**FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES:**

General Government		
Board of Appeals	245.00	
Selectmen	1.00	
Tax Collector	3,657.31	
Treasurer Proceeds From		
Sale of Tax Possession	8,100.00	
Planning Board	<u>729.00</u>	12,732.31
Public Safety		
Conservation Comm.	25.00	
Police Department	8,360.60	
Sealer	1,194.40	
Dog Officer	<u>210.00</u>	9,790.00
Health		
Sanitary Landfill		
Landfill Permits	8,376.00	
Waste Disposal	<u>15,602.50</u>	23,978.50
Wastewater Treatment		
Sewer User Fees	413,239.65	
Sewer Entrance Fees	8,094.50	
Other Receipts	<u>15,015.00</u>	436,349.15



Parks & Recreation		
Registration Fees	850.00	
Sale of Park Truck	<u>4,000.00</u>	4,850.00
Parking Clerk		
Fines		493.00
Cemeteries		
Sale of Lots	1,100.00	
Open Graves	5,975.00	
Foundations	<u>1,262.94</u>	8,337.94
Schools		
School Lunch Program	100,178.37	
School Athletics	7,904.00	
Tuition-State Wards	4,895.00	
Other Tuition	370.00	
Adult Education	<u>3,346.50</u>	116,693.87
TOTAL FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES		613,224.77
<b>REIMBURSEMENT FOR CURRENT EXPENSES:</b>		
School Transportation	136,992.00	
Mental Health Transportation	14,354.00	
County—Care & Disposing of Dogs	3,940.00	
Veterans' Services	<u>14,470.34</u>	
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR CURRENT EXPENSES		169,756.34
<b>UNCLASSIFIED:</b>		
Public Phone Commission	55.60	
Damage to Town Properties	7,015.80	
Diamond International Corp.—Share of Capital Cost—WPC Project	20,000.00	
Building Insp.—Zoning Fine	500.00	
Tailings	<u>888.70</u>	
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED		28,460.10
<b>INTEREST:</b>		
Certificates of Deposit	104,773.08	
Taxes and Assessments	19,191.40	
Sewer User Fees	2,165.53	
Investment Funds	27,743.84	
Trust Fund	20,434.76	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	11,128.53	
Conservation Fund	8,825.98	
Merrick Fund	47.40	
Thompson Fund	59.96	
Fuller Fund	187.51	
Diamond International Corp.— WPC Proj.—Cost Sharing Agreement	<u>12,650.00</u>	
TOTAL INTEREST		207,207.99



**MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:**

Anticipation of Federal & State Grants	451,694.00
Anticipation of Serial Bond	<u>724,000.00</u>

TOTAL MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS 1,175,694.00

**RENTAL — TOWN PROPERTIES:**

5,900.00

**AGENCY:**

Police—Off Duty Work Detail	19,720.04
County Dog Licenses	6,808.00
Gift—Historical Comm.—Rehabilitation and Maintenance Fund	185.00
Gift to Police Department	480.00
Payroll Deductions	
Federal Taxes	524,171.77
Mass. Taxes	192,849.20
Group Life Ins.	4,209.60
Group Health Ins.	151,810.36
County Retirement	<u>76,793.80</u>
	<u>949,834.73</u>

TOTAL AGENCY 977,027.77

**TRUST:**

Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,655.00
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**INVESTMENTS:**

Certificates of Deposit	12,009,400.00
Redemption of Trust Investments	5,594,000.00
Mass. Municipal Trust	30,000.00
Government Investment Account	<u>915,000.00</u>

TOTAL INVESTMENTS 18,548,400.00

**REFUNDS:**

Credited to Appropriations	166,603.74
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**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

27,968,823.19

Add Cash Balance, July 1, 1982

8,857.09

Add Warrants Payable

220,334.67

28,198,014.95

Less: Cash Disbursements

28,099,956.41

Cash Balance, June 30, 1983

98,058.54



STATEMENT OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS  
FY-1983

Entitlement No.	Balance July 1, 1982	Receipts- Principal	FY-1983 Interest	Total	Expenditures FY-1983	Balance June 30, 1983
12	97,946.38	—0—	719.05	98,665.43	98,665.43	—0—
13	126,756.28	122,633.00	16,836.02	266,225.30	181,334.57	84,890.73
14	—0—	106,279.00	2,119.22	108,398.22	—0—	108,398.22
	224,702.66	228,912.00	19,674.29	473,288.95	280,000.00	193,288.95



**STATEMENT OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS**  
**Year ending June 30, 1983**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**SELECTMEN:**

Board Salaries	5,381.61	
Selectmen's Clerical	4,841.27	
Office Expense & Supplies	756.56	
Postage	420.84	
Telephone	1,243.57	
Travel & Conference	2,040.97	
Town Meeting Expenses	282.35	
Warrant Expenses	126.92	
Copier Supplies & Rental	1,781.11	
Copier Drum	278.00	
Dues	910.00	
Contract Negotiations	2,642.00	
Service Contracts	160.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>120.55</u>	20,985.75

**SELECTMEN'S CONTINGENT ACCOUNT:**

881.86

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT/EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:**

Salary	23,609.64	
Clerical	8,596.12	
Travel & Conferences	204.80	
Office Expense & Supplies	<u>172.20</u>	32,582.76

**TOWN TREASURER:**

Salary	18,500.00	
Clerical	15,235.54	
Telephone	257.28	
Office Expense & Supplies	1,015.28	
Desk Chair	372.00	
Maintenance of Office		
Equipment	185.00	
Travel	850.83	
Data Processing Service	2,787.95	
Surety Bond	477.00	
Stationery & Postage	<u>1,987.99</u>	41,668.87

**TAX COLLECTOR:**

Salary	18,500.00	
Clerical	18,239.63	
Office Expense & Supplies	1,265.68	
Telephone	415.97	
Surety Bond	501.00	
Travel, Dues, Misc.	595.37	
Stationery & Postage	4,520.10	
Printing Tax Bills	1,943.99	
Computer Expense	882.75	
Tax Title Expense	537.36	
Postage Meter & Scale	465.88	
Micro Reader Equipment	<u>60.00</u>	47,927.73



**TOWN CLERK:**

Salary	18,850.00	
Clerical	10,225.98	
Telephone	526.47	
Office Expense & Supplies	824.20	
Stationery & Postage	183.68	
Bookbinding	794.70	
Travel	<u>650.95</u>	32,055.98

**ELECTION & REGISTRATION:**

Registrars' Salaries	2,675.44	
Election Officers	5,244.10	
Tally Sheets/Voting Lists	232.44	
Ballots	1,508.75	
Bookbinding	339.08	
Office Expense & Supplies	739.20	
Registration & Listing	3,226.25	
Street Lists	1,076.86	
Travel	<u>184.02</u>	15,226.14

Electronic Voting Machines 25,650.67

ART.6—STM 4/4/83-  
Election Ballot Boxes 2,400.00

**ASSESSORS:**

Board Salaries	5,887.23	
Clerical	18,260.81	
Telephone	872.15	
Photostats	359.25	
Office Expense & Supplies	2,010.90	
Travel	1,842.64	
Computer Maintenance Costs	<u>3,594.65</u>	32,827.63

ART. 2—STM 8/31/81-  
Revaluation of Properties 37,338.00

**LAWS AND CLAIMS:**

Salary of Town Counsel	4,000.00	
Special Legal Services	960.00	
Claims & Expenses	<u>1,238.80</u>	6,198.80

**LICENSE COMMISSION:**

Office Expense	205.00	
Clerical	100.00	
Travel	<u>295.00</u>	600.00

**MEMORIAL HALL:**

Custodian's Salary	3,276.00	
Electricity & Water	854.48	
Building Repairs	1,649.22	
General Supplies	342.96	
Snow Removal	112.00	
Fuel	2,715.82	
Sewer Fee	140.00	
Window Cleaning	<u>210.00</u>	9,300.48



**PALMER TOWN BUILDING:**

Custodian's Salary	4,867.20	
Lights/Heat/Water	16,403.60	
Gen. Bldg. Supplies/Expenses	1,692.66	
Misc. Repairs	1,626.85	
Sewer Fee	490.00	
Window Cleaning	200.00	
Floor Cleaning	<u>643.25</u>	25,923.56

**ART. 10—STM 9/27/82-**

Palmer Town Bldg. Roof Repairs		6,070.46
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**TOWN ENGINEER SALARY:**

6,000.00

**CONSULTING ENGINEER:**

2,371.43

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Salary of Secretary	1,000.00	
Clerical	453.61	
Office Expense & Supplies	440.90	
Printing	<u>408.00</u>	2,302.51

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Clerical	3,227.52	
Office Expense & Supplies	624.97	
Telephone	531.95	
Legal Notices	578.39	
Zoning Map	<u>59.00</u>	5,021.83

**BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSES:**

314.24

**PERSONNEL ADVISORY BOARD:**

35.00

**COUNCIL ON AGING:**

Salary of Director	8,153.44	
Office Supplies/Postage	699.60	
Van Insurance	894.00	
Telephone	469.11	
Travel	99.62	
Other Expense	344.05	
State Grant—Dept. of Elders		
Affairs—Admin. Staffing	<u>594.24</u>	11,254.06

**TOWN MODERATOR:**

122.96

**PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Insurance	253.00	
Park Maintenance	<u>1,600.00</u>	1,853.00

**TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

366,913.72

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY****POLICE:**

Salary of Chief	27,029.59
Patrolmen	293,417.61
Clerical	38,223.81



Matron & Other Services	360.00	
Court Prosecutor	4,799.97	
Clothing & Equipment for Men	4,850.05	
Gas & Oil	21,011.55	
Radio Repairs	5,152.05	
Maintenance of Cruisers	3,437.98	
Telephone	2,778.57	
Office Expense & Supplies	3,813.58	
Lock-up Expense (meals etc.)	339.91	
Officer's Training Schol	1,229.08	
Hospital & Medical Expense	175.00	
Chief of Police—Car Allowance	1,000.00	
Other Expenses	<u>347.53</u>	407,966.28
Police Equipment		3,965.91
Police Cruisers		15,804.00
<b>AUXILIARY POLICE EXPENSES:</b>		
Gas	820.23	
Badges	295.63	
Radio	<u>284.14</u>	1,400.00
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE:</b>		
Salary of Director	500.00	
Generator Expense	<u>444.19</u>	944.19
<b>FOREST WARDEN:</b>		
Salary	2,250.00	
Telephone	105.72	
Firemen	447.00	
Gas & Oil	125.35	
Supplies/Repairs	341.53	
Out-of-District Fires	<u>568.00</u>	3,837.60
<b>FORESTRY DEPARTMENT:</b>		
Labor	1,000.00	
Equipment Hire	5,901.00	
Stump Removal	650.00	
Supplies and Repairs	1,784.62	
Insect Pest Control	86.73	
Trees	980.00	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	<u>2,790.00</u>	13,192.35
<b>SEALER:</b>		
Salary	1,800.00	
Telephone	35.24	
Travel	527.90	
Equipment & Supplies	<u>93.40</u>	2,456.54
<b>DOG OFFICER:</b>		
Salary	1,500.00	
Boarding of Dogs	3,860.00	
Destroying Dogs	1,840.00	
Telephone	180.71	
Electricity	1,028.62	
Travel	1,040.00	
Equipment & Supplies	<u>236.76</u>	9,686.09



<b>GAS INSPECTOR—SALARY &amp; EXPENSES:</b>	314.50
<b>TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:</b>	150.00
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXPENSES:</b>	301.52
<b>WIRE INSPECTOR—SALARY &amp; EXPENSES:</b>	1332.84
<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION:</b>	98.95
<b>PARKING CLERK—SALARY:</b>	232.00
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR—SALARY &amp; EXPENSES:</b>	3,891.17
<b>TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY</b>	<b>465,573.94</b>

#### **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

##### **HEALTH, BOARD OF:**

Board Salaries	2,344.71	
Health Agent's Salary	1,255.00	
Office Expense & Supplies	708.70	
Travel	1,899.69	
Quaboag Valley Visiting		
Nurse Association	10,500.00	
Telephone	326.22	
Clinics	1,289.77	
Dog Clinic	112.77	
Plumbing Inspector-		
Salary & Expenses	1,008.80	
Vermin Control-		
Salary	450.00	
Expenses	225.00	
Milk Inspector-		
Salary & Expenses	384.00	
Animal Inspector	1,000.00	
Perk Test Inspection	544.00	
Home Care Services for		
the Elderly	986.00	
Vital Statistics	441.00	
Parochial School Doctor	200.00	
		<b>23,675.66</b>

##### **SANITARY LANDFILL:**

Contracted Services	43,873.70	
Other Expenses	1,483.97	
Salary of Caretaker	9,667.12	<b>55,024.79</b>

Sanitary Landfill Test Wells	<b>4,970.82</b>
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FY83—ART. 17—Valley	
Human Services	<b>3,000.00</b>

FY83—ART. 15—Ambulance	
Service Subsidy	<b>42,000.00</b>

##### **SEWER TRUNKMAIN CLEANING:**

Equipment Hire	1,520.00	
Supplies	1,470.95	<b>2,990.95</b>



**GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:**

Equipment Hire	200.00	
Equipment Supplies	1,338.28	
Pipe & Fittings	1,879.64	
Cleaning Catch Basins	8,530.35	
Catch Basins & Manholes	<u>900.00</u>	12,848.27

Hazardous Waste Facility Site Safety		
Council Tech. Grant-Abutting Communities		22,000.00

<b>CALKINS ROAD SEWER PROJECT:</b>		2,196.09
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<b>WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT:</b>		19,176.43
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**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:**

Salaries	140,654.49	
Chemicals	23,488.43	
Telephone	2,848.48	
Electricity	147,042.83	
Fuel	16,387.59	
Equipment Maintenance	43,308.19	
Lab Supplies	3,127.28	
Office Supplies/Postage	2,343.28	
Misc. Supplies	2,347.25	
Clothing	385.00	
Medical	35.00	
Administrative Costs—		
Sewer User Fees	2,346.78	
Maintenance of Railroad		
Crossings	4,891.35	
Water	<u>1,382.70</u>	390,588.65

TOTAL FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION		578,471.66
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**HIGHWAYS**

<b>HIGHWAY SALARIES:</b>		183,845.50
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**GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE:**

Gas/Oil/Fuel	22,134.79	
Telephone	652.75	
Lights/Heat/Power/Water	6,181.43	
Diesel Fuel Tax	261.54	
Office Expenses & Supplies	1,255.73	
Supplies/Equipment/Repairs	26,550.14	
Painting Center Lines on		
Roads/Crosswalks	2,238.70	
Clothing Allowance	1,000.00	
Town Barn Maintenance	481.70	
Rain & Safety Equipment	<u>395.80</u>	61,152.58

**STREET SIGNS & TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:**

Materials/Supplies	53.44	
Signs	1,278.56	
Repairs to Traffic Signals	1,196.79	
Electricity	<u>3,176.53</u>	5,705.32

Highway Equipment and Repairs		13,344.00
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<b>MAINTENANCE OF RAILROAD CROSSINGS:</b>		2,711.90
<b>BRIDGE MAINTENANCE:</b>		91.44
FY80—ART. 22—Ch. 90 Construction		1,512.00
FY81—ART. 24—Safety Improvement Project		22,924.10
FY82—ART. 25—Highway Construction & Improvement Project		29,306.26
ART. 4—STM—6/16/80—Engineering Services		4,950.00
Drainage—New Hampshire Ave.—Precinct C		17,509.65
Pave—New Hampshire Ave.—Precinct C		20,344.64
<b>SIDEWALKS AND CURBS—</b>		
<b>GENERAL MAINTENANCE:</b>		
Concrete	1,670.19	
Bituminous Materials	444.70	
Supplies	<u>1,384.86</u>	3,499.75
<b>SURFACE TREATMENT OF STREETS WITH</b>		
<b>BITUMINOUS MATERIALS:</b>		
Gravel/Sand	2,008.55	
Liquid Bituminous Materials	16,186.30	
Concrete Bituminous Materials	10,411.65	
Equipment Hire	<u>124.50</u>	28,731.00
<b>SNOW REMOVAL:</b>		
Equipment Hire for Plowing	2,787.50	
Repairs/Tools/Equipment	15,450.38	
Salt	8,921.74	
Sand	6,031.59	
Miscellaneous	<u>145.00</u>	33,336.21
<b>STREET LIGHTING:</b>		73,564.72
<b>TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS</b>		502,529.07

#### **CHARITIES AND SOLDIER'S BENEFITS**

<b>VETERAN'S BENEFITS:</b>		
Salary of Agent	4,484.25	
Administrative Expenses	379.88	
Telephone	553.27	
Emergency Provisions	284.79	
Emergency Rent/Fuel/Utility	294.55	
Hospital/Medical/Dental	2,601.02	
Ordinary Allowances	12,057.20	
Grave Markers	<u>91.47</u>	20,746.43
Veterans Memorial Account		1,595.00
<b>TOTAL FOR CHARITIES AND SOLDIER'S BENEFITS</b>		22,341.43



## SCHOOLS

### SCHOOLS, OPERATION OF:

Administration—Salaries	78,735.28
Administration—Expenses	18,201.33
Instruction—Salaries	2,413,126.41
Instruction—Expenses	218,950.96
Health	14,812.36
Custodians	155,318.27
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	251,897.61
Other School Services	296,555.00
Insurance	53,635.00
Tuition	107,826.13
Community Services	49.50
Building Aides	45,557.27
Group Life Insurance	1,940.80
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	94,394.79
Replacement of Equipment	17,706.56
Acquisition of Equipment	1,782.80
School Lunch—Salaries	74,173.94
School Lunch—Expenses	118,445.72
School Athletics	7,537.63
Adult Education	1,440.00
Title I PL89-313 SOS IV	8,719.12
Title I Proj. 200-131-3-0227-5	10,016.86
Title I Proj. 82-227-137	24,294.83
Title I Proj. 83-227-137	51,043.18
Stress Management Workshop	
380-093-3-0227-5	1,250.00
Title 4C Project MORE 1982-83	550.00
Computer Literacy Project	833.00
Title VIB #PL 94-142	
Proj. 240-228-2-0227-5	12,128.73
Title VI PL94-142	
Proj. 240-213-3-0227-5	32,553.39
Title IVB ESEA PL95-561	
FY82 Library (Schools)	116.12
Education Consolidation &	
Improvement ACT-ECIA of 1981	
Chapt. 2 PL97-35	12,889.82
Pathfinder Regional Vocational	
Technical High School District	<u>480,655.07</u>

TOTAL FOR SCHOOLS

4,607,137.48

## LIBRARY

### PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY — OPERATING EXPENSES:

	134,694.50
Library Equipment—ART. 4 STM 9/27/82	15,300.00
Title I—LSCA—Palmer Public Library	987.32
Local Arts Lottery Council	575.00
TOTAL FOR LIBRARY	151,556.82



## **PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS**

### **PARKS:**

Labor	80,018.66	
Truck Repairs/Expenses	496.43	
Supplies/Repairs	6,040.04	
Gas & Oil	3,994.84	
Electricity/Water	1,897.83	
Telephone	366.83	
Fertilizer, Grass Seed, Mulch	120.50	
Maint.—Burleigh Park	2,571.45	
Miscellaneous	<u>212.06</u>	95,718.64

Pee Wee Park Maintenance 1,498.90

Park Equipment 16,247.46

Inez Burleigh Fuller Park Fund 455.00

**MAIN ST., THREE RIVERS,  
RECREATION AREA** 1,499.25

### **RECREATION:**

Labor	15,105.00	
Transportation	5,390.00	
Travel	69.51	
Supplies/Equipment	3,372.19	
Printing	<u>160.50</u>	24,097.20

FY83 ART. 12—Pee Wee Baseball  
Midget League 1,800.00

FY83ART. 13—Palmer Cowboy  
Football Team 1,800.00

FY83 ART. 14—Palmer Lil' Girls  
Softball League 1,800.00

**MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE:** 1,758.43

TOTAL FOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS 146,674.88

## **CEMETERIES**

### **CEMETERIES:**

Labor	30,718.87	
Salary of Secretary	1,932.17	
Truck Maintenance	179.85	
Electricity/Water	90.38	
Gas & Oil	1,143.15	
General Supplies/Repairs	1,754.74	
Fertilizer/Lime/Loam	654.00	
Repair Roads	2,500.00	
Office Expense	<u>62.05</u>	

TOTAL FOR CEMETERIES 39,035.21



## PENSIONS

County Retirement Assessment	158,616.00
Leo J. Santucci, Retirement	21,483.60
Stanley J. Strzemienski Retirement	<u>7,533.60</u>

TOTAL FOR PENSIONS

187,633.20

## INSURANCE

Blue Cross-Blue Shield	67,415.59
Group Life Insurance	2,288.00
General Insurance	60,914.43
Unemployment Insurance	<u>25,659.00</u>

TOTAL FOR INSURANCE

156,277.02

## UNCLASSIFIED

Town Reports	3,248.12
Certificate of Deposit—Cash	10,171,400.00
Repurchase Agreements	5,036,000.00
Government Investment Account	<u>1,526,000.00</u>

TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED

16,736,648.12

## TEMPORARY LOANS

Anticipation of Federal & State Grants	1,296,000.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan— Calkins Rd.	574,000.00
Anticipation of Federal & State Grant—Calkins Rd.	<u>27,388.00</u>

TOTAL FOR TEMPORARY LOANS

1,897,388.00

## INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

### INTEREST:

Three Rivers Flood Control	2,200.00
Urban Renewal Project	70,000.00
Main St.—Three Rivers Sewer Project	1,100.00
Purchase and Renovation of Library Bldg.	10,725.00
Wastewater Treatment Facilities	180,587.00
Calkins Rd. Sewer Proj.	<u>10,578.73</u>

275,190.73

### MATURING DEBT:

Principal—Three Rivers Flood Control	5,000.00
Principal—Serial Bond Loan Urban Renewal	130,000.00
Principal—Main St., Three Rivers	11,000.00



Principal—Wastewater Treatment Facilities	80,000.00	
Principal—Purchase of Library Bldg.	10,000.00	
Principal—Renovation of Library Bldg.	<u>30,000.00</u>	266,000.00
<b>TOTAL FOR INTEREST &amp; MATURING DEBT</b>		<b>541,190.73</b>

#### STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

County Tax	357,056.38	
State Recreation Areas	47,949.46	
State Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	1,619.10	
Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	1,708.35	
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control District	2,118.28	
Audit of Municipal Accounts	<u>9,576.88</u>	
<b>TOTAL FOR STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS</b>		<b>420,028.45</b>

#### REFUNDS

##### ON TAXES:

Real Estate	1,178.29	
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,982.24	
Sewer User Fees	3,270.00	
Sewer User Fee Interest	<u>138.00</u>	7,568.53

Miscellaneous Refund 9.00

**TOTAL FOR REFUNDS 7,577.53**

**DOG LICENSES TO COUNTY: 4,329.50**

**WARRANTS PAYABLE: 278,062.48**

#### AGENCY

Interest on Conservation Fund	8,825.98	
Tax Title Redemption Due Districts	580.11	
Tax Possession Sales Due Districts	277.72	
Police—Off Duty Work Detail	29,780.74	
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal	524,171.77	
State	192,849.20	
County Retirement	76,570.82	
Group Health Insurance	150,631.43	
Group Life Insurance	<u>4,574.40</u>	

**TOTAL FOR AGENCY 988,262.17**

#### TRUST

Perpetual Care Funds 2,325.00



TOTAL FOR TRUST	2,325.00
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	28,099,956.41



**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES**  
**Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1983**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Balance Surplus	Forward
<b>SELECTMEN:</b>				
Board Salaries	5,381.61	5,381.61		
Clerical	4,841.27	4,841.27		
Other Expenses	10,779.28	10,762.87	16.41	
Contingent Account	900.00	881.86	18.14	
House Numbering Acct. - STM 10/26/81	3,000.00			3,000.00
<b>ACCOUNTANT/EXEC. SECR.</b>				
Salary	23,609.64	23,609.64		
Clerical	8,596.12	8,596.12		
Other Expenses	377.00	377.00		
<b>TREASURER:</b>				
Salary	18,500.00	18,500.00		
Clerical	15,523.87	15,235.54	288.33	
Other Expenses	8,450.00	7,908.33	541.67	
Tax Title Foreclosures	3,367.59			3,367.59
<b>COLLECTOR:</b>				
Salary	18,500.00	18,500.00		
Clerical	18,239.63	18,239.63		
Other Expenses	11,668.00	11,188.10	479.90	
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>				
Salary	18,850.00	18,850.00		
Clerical	10,225.98	10,225.98		
Other Expenses	2,980.00	2,980.00		
<b>ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION:</b>				
Registrars' Salaries	2,675.44	2,675.44		
Other Expenses	12,550.70	12,550.70		
Election Ballot Boxes				
ART.6 STM 4/4/83	2,400.00	2,400.00		
Electronic Voting Machines				
ART.26 ATM 4/26/82	27,680.00	27,680.00		
<b>ASSESSORS:</b>				
Salaries	5,887.23	5,887.23		
Clerical	18,260.81	18,260.81		
Other Expenses	8,630.00	8,629.86	.14	
Revaluation of Properties				
ART.2 STM 8/31/81	55,689.00	37,338.00		18,351.00
<b>TOWN COUNSEL:</b>				
Salary	4,000.00	4,000.00		
Other Expenses	1,500.00	1,238.80	261.20	
Special Legal Services	2,000.00	960.00	1,040.00	



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<b>LICENSE COMMISSION:</b>				
Expenses	600.00	600.00		
<b>MEMORIAL HALL:</b>				
Custodian's Salary	3,276.00	3,276.00		
Other Expenses	7,490.00	6,024.48	1,465.52	
<b>PALMER TOWN BUILDING:</b>				
Custodian's Salary	4,867.20	4,867.20		
Other Expenses	24,115.00	21,056.36	558.64	2,500.00
Palmer Town Building Roof Repairs ART.10 STM 9/27/82	30,000.00	6,070.46		23,929.54
<b>ENGINEERING:</b>				
Town Engineer-Salary	6,000.00	6,000.00		
Consulting Engineer	4,000.00	2,371.43	1,628.57	
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</b>				
Salary of Clerk	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Other Expenses	1,480.00	1,302.51	177.49	
<b>PLANNING BOARD:</b>				
Clerical	3,227.52	3,227.52		
Other Expenses	2,850.00	1,794.31	1,055.69	
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS:</b>				
Expenses	525.00	314.24	210.76	
<b>PERSONNEL BOARD:</b>				
Expenses	50.00	35.00	15.00	
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING:</b>				
Expenses	2,725.00	2,506.38	218.62	
Director's Salary	8,919.20	8,153.44	765.76	
<b>PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:</b>				
Expenses	1,895.00	1,853.00	42.00	
<b>MODERATOR:</b>	122.96	122.96		
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</b>				
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Salaries	368,214.55	363,470.98	4,743.57	
Other Expenses	44,500.00	44,493.51	6.49	
Equipment	8,000.00	3,965.91		4,034.09
Police Cruisers	15,987.00	15,804.00	183.00	
Installation of Gas Tank	9,500.00			9,500.00
Auxiliary Police Expenses	1,400.00	1,400.00		
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE:</b>				
Salary	500.00	500.00		
Other Expenses	449.16	444.19	4.97	



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<b>FOREST WARDEN:</b>				
Salary	2,250.00	2,250.00		
Other Expenses	1,320.00	1,019.60	300.40	
Out-of-District Fires	2,000.00	568.00	1,432.00	
<b>FORESTRY:</b>				
Labor	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Other Expenses	12,192.84	12,192.35	.49	
Gypsy Moth Control	19,358.36			19,358.36
<b>SEALER:</b>				
Salary	1,800.00	1,800.00		
Other Expenses	875.00	656.54	218.46	
<b>DOG OFFICER:</b>				
Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Other Expenses	8,186.09	8,186.09		
<b>GAS INSPECTOR:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	325.00	314.50	10.50	
<b>TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:</b>	150.00	150.00		
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION:</b>				
Expenses	400.00	301.52	98.48	
<b>WIRE INSPECTOR:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	1,332.84	1,332.84		
<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>	100.00	98.95	1.05	
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	5,125.00	3,891.17	1,233.83	
<b>PARKING CLERK:</b>	1,349.94	232.00		1,117.94

#### HEALTH AND SANITATION

<b>BOARD OF HEALTH:</b>				
Salaries/Health Agent	3,599.71	3,599.71		
Other Expenses	6,095.00	5,756.15	338.85	
<b>MILK INSPECTION:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	384.00	384.00		
<b>ANIMAL INSPECTION:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Vital Statistics	500.00	441.00	59.00	
<b>QUABOAG VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION:</b>	10,500.00	10,500.00		
<b>HOME CARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY</b>	1,200.00	986.00	214.00	



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<b>PLUMBING INSPECTION</b>			
Salary & Expenses	1,500.00	1,008.80	491.20
<b>SANITARY LANDFILL:</b>			
Contracted Services	45,000.00	43,873.70	1,126.30
Other Expenses	2,662.68	1,483.97	1,178.71
Salary of Caretaker	9,667.12	9,667.12	
Sanitary Landfill Test Wells ART. 9 STM 9/27/82	15,000.00	4,970.82	10,029.18
ART.17 FY83 Quaboag Valley Human Services:	3,000.00	3,000.00	
ART.15 FY83 Ambulance Service Subsidy:	42,000.00	42,000.00	
<b>GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:</b>	12,850.00	12,848.27	1.73
<b>SEWER TRUNKMAIN CLEANING:</b>	3,000.00	2,990.95	9.05
ART.60-C 1969 - South High St. Sewer-D	2,800.00		2,800.00
<b>WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:</b>			
Salaries	149,557.89	140,654.49	8,903.40
Expenses	353,275.00	249,842.54	103,432.46
<b>HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS</b>			
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:</b>			
Salaries	188,835.08	183,845.50	4,989.58
<b>GENERAL HWY. MAINTENANCE:</b>	61,190.00	61,152.58	37.42
<b>STREET SIGNS:</b>	5,729.72	5,705.32	24.40
<b>HWY. DEPT. EQUIPMENT</b>	13,344.00	13,344.00	
<b>MAINT. OF RAILROAD CROSSINGS:</b>	2,711.90	2,711.90	
<b>BRIDGE MAINTENANCE:</b>	100.00	91.44	8.56
<b>SURFACE TREATMENT:</b>	28,750.00	28,731.00	19.00
<b>SNOW REMOVAL:</b>	33,340.00	33,336.21	3.79
<b>STREET LIGHTING:</b>	78,000.00	73,564.72	4,435.28
ART.22 FY80 Chapter 90 Construction-Warren St.-A	14,344.64	1,512.00	12,832.64



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ART.4 STM 6/16/80 Engineering Services-Traffic Signals	7,150.00	4,950.00	2,200.00
ART.25 FY82 Highway Construction and Improvement Project	29,310.10	29,306.26	3.84
ART.24 FY81 Federal Hwy. Safety Improvement Project	22,924.10	22,924.10	
ART.21 FY81 Chapter 90 Construction	27,000.00		27,000.00
ART.26 FY82 Highway Construciton and Improvement Project	26,218.00		26,218.00
ART.18 FY83 Highway Construction and Improvement Project	54,563.00		54,563.00
ART.19 FY83 Highway Construction and Improvement Project	32,595.00		32,595.00
<b>GENERAL SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE:</b>	3,500.00	3,499.75	.25
Eminent Domain Proceedings- Mason St.	1,000.00		1,000.00
ART.27 ATM 6/15/81 - Drainage New Hampshire Ave.	17,509.65	17,509.65	
ART.24 ATM 4/26/82 - Pave New Hampshire Ave.	20,350.00	20,344.64	5.36

#### VETERANS' DEPARTMENT

Veterans' Agent Salary	4,857.22	4,484.25	372.97
Veterans' Benefits	43,250.00	14,055.42	29,194.58
Veterans' Other Expenses	1,360.00	1,024.62	335.38
Veterans' Memorial Account	1,595.00	1,595.00	

#### EDUCATION

##### PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Encumbered Salaries	637,337.35	302,877.85	334,459.50
Operations & Maintenance	3,804,783.18	3,804,763.06	20.12
School Expenses- Encumbered			36,229.60
Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational High School District	480,655.07	480,655.07	
Palmer Public Library	134,694.50	134,694.50	
Palmer Public Library Equipment ART.4 STM 9/27/82	15,300.00	15,300.00	



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#### PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS

Park Salaries	80,030.85	80,018.66	12.19	
Other Expenses	15,700.00	15,699.98	.02	
Pee Wee Park Maint.	1,500.00	1,498.90	1.10	
Park Equipment	16,250.00	16,247.46	2.54	
Main St., Three Rivers				
Recreation Area	1,500.00	1,499.25	.75	
Recreation-Salaries	15,105.00	15,105.00		
Recreation-Other Expenses	9,020.00	8,992.20	27.80	
Memorial Day Observance	2,000.00	1,758.43	241.57	
ART.12 FY83 Pee Wee				
Midget Baseball League	1,800.00	1,800.00		
ART.13 FY83 Palmer Cowboy				
Football Team	1,800.00	1,800.00		
ART.14 FY83 Lil' Girls				
Softball League	1,800.00	1,800.00		

#### CEMETERY

Labor	32,253.04	30,718.87	1,534.17	
Salary of Secretary	1,932.17	1,932.17		
Other Expenses	6,410.00	6,384.17	25.83	

#### PENSIONS

County Retirement				
Assessment	158,616.00	158,616.00		
Leo J. Santucci				
Retirement	21,911.80	21,483.60	428.20	
Stanley J. Strzemienski				
Retirement	7,543.30	7,533.60	9.70	

#### INSURANCE

General Insurance	60,914.43	60,914.43		
Health Insurance	70,500.00	67,415.59	3,084.41	
Group Insurance - Life	2,400.00	2,288.00	112.00	
Unemployment Insurance	35,000.00	25,659.00	9,341.00	

#### UNCLASSIFIED

Town Reports	3,500.00	3,248.12	251.88	
Reserve Fund	40,000.00	17,648.12	22,351.88	

#### INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Int.-Tax Anticipation Notes	7,500.00		7,500.00	
Int.-Abated Taxes	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Int.Three Rivers Flood				
Control Project	2,200.00	2,200.00		
Int.-Palmer Industrial				



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Park Urban Renewal	70,250.00	70,000.00		250.00
Int.-Main St. Three				
Rivers Sewer Project	1,100.00	1,100.00		
Int.-Wastewater Treatment				
Facilities	180,587.00	180,587.00		
Int.-Calkins Rd. Sewer				
Project	27,265.00	10,578.73	16,686.27	
Int.-Purchase &				
Renovation of Library Bldg.	10,725.00	10,725.00		
Prin.-Three Rivers				
Flood Control Project	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Prin.-Palmer Industrial				
Park Urban Renewal	130,000.00	130,000.00		
Prin.-Main St. Three				
Rivers Sewer Proj.	11,000.00	11,000.00		
Prin.-Wastewater Treatment				
Facilities	80,000.00	80,000.00		
Prin.-Renovation of				
Library Bldg.	30,000.00	30,000.00		
Prin.-Purchase of				
Library Bldg.	10,000.00	10,000.00		
	<u>8,583,253.93</u>	<u>7,722,084.87</u>	<u>235,833.62</u>	<u>625,335.44</u>



**BONDED INDEBTEDNESS**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1983**

Maturity Fiscal Year	1962 Three Rivers Flood Project	1973 Main Street Three Rivers Sewer Project	1974 Industrial Park Project	1978 Water Pollution Control Project	1978 Palmer Public Library Project	Total
1984	5,000	11,000	130,000	80,000	40,000	266,000
1985	5,000		130,000	80,000	40,000	255,000
1986	5,000		130,000	80,000	40,000	255,000
1987	5,000		130,000	80,000	40,000	255,000
1988	5,000		125,000	80,000	10,000	220,000
1989	5,000		125,000	80,000	5,000	215,000
1990	5,000		124,000	80,000		209,000
1991			124,000	80,000		204,000
1992			124,000	80,000		204,000
1993			124,000	80,000		204,000
1994			19,000	80,000		99,000
1995				60,000		60,000
1996				60,000		60,000
1997				60,000		60,000
1998				60,000		60,000
1999				55,000		55,000
	35,000	11,000	1,285,000	1,175,000	175,000	2,681,000



# RESERVE ACCOUNT TRANSFERS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1983

APPROPRIATION:

\$40,000.00

## TRANSFERRED

Selectmen's Other Expense	278.00	
Salary of Executive Secretary/ Town Accountant	1,000.00	
Election and Registration Other Expense	1,257.70	
Palmer Town Building Other Expense	3,160.00	
Finance Committee Other Expense	100.00	
Police Cruiser Account	5,987.00	
Civil Defense Other Expense	399.16	
Dog Officer Other Expense	3,131.09	
Wire Inspector Salary Account	107.84	
Maintenance of Railroad Crossings	211.90	
Veterans' Monument Expense	1,595.00	
Misc. General Insurance	<u>420.43</u>	<u>17,648.12</u>
Balance June 30, 1983		22,351.88



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Fire:	
Bondsville	283-8389
Palmer	283-3456
Thorndike	283-8386
Three Rivers	283-8386
Hospital	283-7651
Ambulance	283-9791
Police	283-8792

## FOR INFORMATION

Assessors	283-5061
Building Inspector (Residence)	283-3145
Civil Defense	283-7261
Dog Officer (Residence)	283-7670
Gas Inspector (Residence)	283-4082
Health Board (Information)	283-7622
Highway Department	283-3721
License Commission (Alcoholic Beverage) (Information)	283-7261
Council on Aging	283-3259
Palmer Housing Authority	283-9311
Palmer Public Library	283-3330
Palmer Redevelopment Authority	283-4777
Park Commission	283-3013
Planning Board	283-9425
Police Department	283-8792
Schools:	
Elementary:	
Bondsville	283-3961
Park Street	283-3221
Quaboag	283-3371
Thorndike Grammar-Thorndike	283-5561
Thorndike Street-Palmer	283-8061
Three Rivers Grammar	283-3230
Palmer High School	283-6511
Pathfinder Regional Vocational- Technical High School	283-9701
Superintendent of Schools	283-9813
Sealer of Weights & Measures (Residence)	283-6638
Selectmen	283-7261
Tax Collector	283-6272
Town Accountant	283-7261
Town Clerk	283-3711
Town Treasurer	283-7622
Veterans' Agent	283-8011
Wastewater Treatment Plant	283-5730
Wire Inspector (Residence)	283-3356